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by

**Shri Amit Shah**

Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs &  
Cooperation, Government of India

———— in the august presence of ————

**Shri Manoj Sinha**

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K

**Dr Jitendra Singh**

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## Protein Could Be Used To Produce Life-Saving Antifungals: Research

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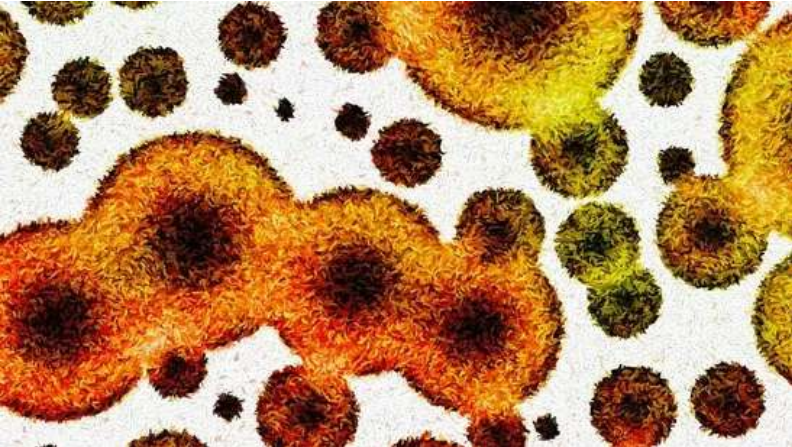
Yeast cells and human immune system cells rely on surprisingly similar chemical reactions to know when to grow. University of Arizona scientists have identified subtle differences between the two cell types that could help spur the development of antifungal drugs that are able to attack disease-causing yeasts in the body while sparing the immune system.

Their findings, published in the journal eLife, not only have implications for drug development, they also provide important insight into the evolution of an ancient growth control pathway found in all multicellular organisms.

It is well known in the scientific community that a conglomerate of proteins called TORC1 -- short for Target of Rapamycin kinase Complex 1 -- controls the growth of cells in everything from humans to yeasts. But researchers have now identified and named the protein that triggers this process in yeasts -- a nutrient sensor and TORC1 regulator they named Ait1. When working normally, Ait1 shuts down TORC1 in yeasts when cells are starved for nutrients, blocking cell growth.

"Ait1 is kind oflike a hand holding TORC1 in place, with a finger that reaches over the top and flicks TORC1 on and off depending on how many nutrients a cell has," said study co-author Andrew Capaldi, an associate professor in the UArizona Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology and BIO5 Institute member.

The Capaldi Lab is interested in determining how cells sense stress and starvation and then decide how fast



to grow. Understanding how TORC1 is triggered in different organisms is important for developing treatments for a wide variety of diseases. TORC1 was originally discovered in yeast, but it is also critical for the activation of cells in the human immune system to mount a response. When TORC1 isn't working as it should, it can trigger the development of cancer, diabetes and various neurological disorders including epilepsy and depression.

"If TORC1 is too active, it can give rise to cancer or epilepsy. If it's underactive, then it can cause depression," Capaldi said. "We call this Goldilocks regulation."

But the fact that human bodies depend on the same TORC1 pathway as yeast presents a problem.

Capaldi said if scientists develop drugs that inhibit the growth of disease-causing yeasts by controlling TORC1, "we are in big trouble since TORC1 also

controls the growth of human immune cells and more."

"As an example, you can block the growth of yeast very easily using rapamycin -- a drug that binds directly to and inhibits TORC1 -- so that would fight any infection well," Capaldi said. "However, that very same drug is regularly used in transplant patients to suppress their immune system, so that would be a disaster."

The researchers found that while the TORC1 pathway is very similar in yeast and humans, humans don't rely on Ait1 to regulate TORC1. So, drugs that specifically target Ait1 should inhibit the growth of yeast and not human immune cells.

Ait1 has only evolved in the last 200 million years, which is relatively recent in evolutionary terms. About 200 million years ago a TORC1 regulator called Rheb seems to have disappeared from the cells of various organisms exactly when Ait1 evolved.

### Consuming Refined Grains May Up Risk Of Premature Heart Disease: Study

IAN5

Higher intake of refined grain may increase the risk of premature coronary artery disease (PCAD), finds a new study. The findings indicate that eating refined grains was associated with increased risk of premature heart disease and whole grains consumption with reduced risk.

"A diet that includes consuming a high amount of unhealthy and refined grains can be considered similar to consuming a diet containing a lot of unhealthy sugars and oils," said author Mohammad Amin Khajavi Gaskarei from Isfahan University of Medical Sciences.

For the study, to be presented at the American College of Cardiology (ACC) Middle East 2022 Together with the 13th Emirates Cardiac Society Congress, taking place in Dubai, UAE, October 7-9, 2022, the team involved 2,099 people with PCAD from hospitals with catheterization labs in different cities and ethnicities throughout Iran who underwent coronary angiography. In total, 1,168 patients with normal coronary arteries were included in the control group, while 1,369 patients with CAD with obstruction equal or above 75 per cent in at least a single coronary artery. Participants were given a food frequency questionnaire for dietary assessments to evaluate dietary behaviours and evaluate the association between whole grain and refined grain intake and the risk of PCAD in individuals without a prior diagnoses of heart disease. After adjusting for confounders, a higher intake of refined grains was associated with an increased risk of PCAD, while whole grain intake was inversely related to reduced risk of PCAD.

NORTHERN RAILWAY				
E-TENDER NOTICE				
<b>Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR/212-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 213-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR, 214-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 215-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 216-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR, 217-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 218-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR, 219-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR, 220-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR, 221-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR, 222-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 223-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 224-2022-23-Sr.DEN-II-FZR &amp; 225-2022-23-ADEN-LDH.</b> Sr.DEN-II-FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> with closing date-28.10.2022 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.				
Tender Type		Tendering Section		Bidding System
Open		Works		Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders		Bid Starting Date		Bid Closing Date/Time
03.10.2022		14/10/2022		28/10/2022 15:00 Hrs
S. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender		
1	212-2022-23-ADEN-LDH	Misc. Work in connection with maintenance of track, cess and Deep screening of track i.c.w TBR 40.043 Km in various yard lines i.e. Dandhari Kalan, Goraya, Ladhawal, Ludhiana, Phagwara, Phillaur & Sanehwal stations under ADEN/LDH		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		29247607.57	60 Days	12 Months
2	213-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR	Misc. Work in connection with maintenance of track, cess and Deep screening of track i.c.w TBR 21.056 Km in various yard lines i.e. Fazilka, Firozpur Cantt, Gidder Pindi, Guru Har Sahai, Hussainpur, Jalalabad, Kapurthala, Kasubegu, Khojewala, Ladhuka, Lohian Khas Makhu, Nakodar & Talwandi stations under ADEN-II/FZR		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		15174793.77	60 Days	10 Months
3	214-2022-23-ADEN-LDH	Misc. P-Way Works for track maintenance in the Main line section of SSE/P-Way/NSS in the jurisdiction of ADEN/LDH.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		4494093.64	60 Days	12 Months
4	215-2022-23-ADEN-LDH	Through Fitting renewal (53.13 Km) of the existing 52 kg/60Kg PSC sleepers at Km 1.039 to 47.69, 48.266 to 52.70 on PGW-NSS-JJJ section & 401.20 to 403.245 (DN line) on SNL-JUC section (Total Km 53.13) under ADEN/LDH.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		9278525.30	60 Days	10 Months
5	216-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR	Through Fitting renewal (71.25 Km) of the existing 52 kg/60Kg PSC sleepers at Km 20.00 to 90.15Km, SQR Line No. 3 (0.00 to 0.600Km) & MXH line No. 5 (0.00 to 0.500Km) (71.25 Km) on JUC-FZR section under ADEN-II/FZR.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		12089260.71	60 Days	10 Months
6	217-2022-23-ADEN-LDH	Strengthening and protection work of guide bund of bridge no. 5A (important Bridge) Sutluej river km 386/21-23 on SNL-JUC section under ADEN-LDH		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		22333354.01	60 Days	10 Months
7	218-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR	Misc P-Way Works for track maintenance in the section of SSE/P-Way/NRO in the jurisdiction of ADEN-II/FZR.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		4495586.06	60 Days	12 Months
8	219-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR	Misc.P-Way Works for track maintenance in the section of SSE/P.Way/LNK in the Jurisdiction of ADEN-II/FZR		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		6495578.84	60 Days	12 Months
9	220-2022-23	TRR(P) 2.092 Km on various girder bridges and approaches of girder bridges on JUC-FZR section in the jurisdiction of ADEN-II/FZR		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		3049388.96	60 Days	12 Months
10	221-2022-23-ADEN-II-FZR	Civil works including Provision of Rest House Building, Rail level Platform, Approach road & Water Supply arrangements at KWJ, PJA, MXH, NRO & MQS stations i.c.w. RGM/TTM siding in the section of SSE/W/LNK.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		34530293.64	60 Days	12 Months
11	222-2022-23-ADEN-LDH	CTR (S) 3.966 Km by Manual PSEB siding & various yard lines in Ludhiana yard & TRR(S) 5.618 Km i.c.w. TRR(S) 5.618 & CTR (S) 16.211 in various lines of LDH, DDL, PHR & PGW yards with 52 Kg 90 UTS rails (LWR) on PSC-6 (SH) sleepers (1540 nos./ Km) with elastic fastenings on SNL-JUC section in the jurisdiction of ADEN/LDH.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		15978431.11	60 Days	09 Months
12	223-2022-23-ADEN-LDH	Provision of New RGM/TTM sidings at DDL, Misc. Track works and CTR of existing TTM/RGM sidings at LDH & PHR stations in the section of SSE/P-Way/LDH Under ADEN/LDH.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		8300571.47	60 Days	09 Months
13	224-2022-23-Sr.DEN-II-FZR	Strengthening/Repair and other misc. Woks to cess i.c.w. TBR 137.793 Km on FZR Yard (Km 0.00 to 4.992), FZP Yard (Km 0.00 to 2.00), SNL-JUC (Km 376.50 to 386.10 = 9.60Km DN line, Km 383.00 to 386.10 = 3.10Km (UP line), Km 386.87 to 389.00 (UP & DN) lines = 4.26 Km, Km 389.60 to 399.00 = 9.40Km, PGW-NSS-JJJ Km 52.30 to 67.00 & 22.77 to 23.94 = 15.87 Km. NSS-RHU Km 1.00 to 7.35 = 6.35 Km, sections (Total Km 55.572) at various locations under ADEN LDH in the Jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-II/FZR.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		19034744.04	60 Days	08 Months
14	225-2022-23-ADEN-LDH	Raising of rail level/Low level passenger platform to high level and Misc. Works i.c.w provision of 3.00 M wide FOB at Bahram, Banga & Nawanshahr Stations on PGW-NSS-JJJ section under ADEN-LDH.		
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		37211503.06	60 Days	08 Months
Note. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.				
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GIST of Short term e-NIT No: MDS/TS /2022-23/ 66 /e-tendering

Date: 30 - 09 -2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from registered civil contractors/firms for the below mentioned works:

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Estimated Cost (In Rs)	Time of completion (in days)	Position of AA/TS	Class of contract	Position of funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Repairing/Renovation to the Snow Control Room at MFSD Budgam.	200.00	1300.00	76,600.00	15	Accorded vide no. SEMK/TS-26/39 of 2022-23; Dt :29.09.2022 / Sanctioned	DEE Class	Available

1. The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 30 -09-2022 (16.00 PM).

2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 30 -09-2022 (16.00 PM) to 10 -10-2022(18.55 PM) in two covers.

3. The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 11 -10-2022 (14.00 PM) in the office of the under signed.

Sd/-

(Er. Jahan Ara)

Executive Engineer,

Mechanical Division, Srinagar

Date: 30 - 09-2022

DIPK-11228/22

No. MDS/ TS/3594-98

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer

(R&B) Sub-Division Magam

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No: 76/R&B of 2022-23

Dated:01-10-2022

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on an item rate basis/percentage age basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees )	Earnest money (In Rupees )	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Up-gradation of link road form Govt. High School to H/O Gh. Mohd. To others at Aram-pora Singhpora Pattan	9.98	600/-	19960/-	10 days	C&T (Additionality)	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO
2	Impvt./ Up-gradation of Tangmarg Drung Mahyan road.	17.83	800/-	35660/-	10 days	NABARD	--do--
3	Up-gradation of link road form Govt. Girls Secondary School to Panchayat Ghar Kralweth (Main road).	10.00	600/-	20000/-	10 days	C&T (Additionality)	--do--

Position of AAA: Accorded

Position of funds Available

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) on the dates listed below: -

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	01-10-2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	01-10-2022
3	Bid submission Start Date	01-10-2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	06-10-2022
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	07-10-2022 (Office of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam)

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3.At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e.Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam. The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

4. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender receiving authority).

5. Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

1.1 Bidders are advised to download the bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as the "Bidders Manual Kit" option on the website [www.jktenders.gov](http://www.jktenders.gov) to familiarize themselves with the bid submission process.

1.2 In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' under the Information Technology Act of 2000. Any approved Vendor can provide bidders with a digital certificate.

1.3 Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted.

1.4 Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1.

1.5 Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

6 The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances.

7 The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid documents shall have to be produced on demand by the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bidders, 2 percent EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e.Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam, will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document).

8 Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOQ (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

9 Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

10 Price escalation and Taxes: -The bidder's percentage shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to the completion of the work. Taxes shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the time of recovery at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.

11 Bidders are advised to use the "My Documents" area in their R&B e-Tendering portal user account to store any required documents.

1.2 All bidders must UPLOADthe following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):

• All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.

• A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act. duly renewed for current financial year i.e (2022-23)

• Treasury Challan & Earnest money

• Valid PAN Card

• A Civil Contractor who does not own HMP and is bidding for Bitumen Macadam Works is required to upload anMoU with HMPO, from whom the material/machinery for the subject work will be procured. The Memorandum of Understanding must be registered and duly executed in the Hon'ble Court of 1st Class Magistrate, specifying clearly that failure on the part of the HMPO shall be deemed failure on the part of the bidder, and vice versa

• Scanned copy of GSTIN registration and most recent clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B from the previous quarter or month, whichever is applicable

13 Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Bitumen Macadam Works executed by the agency during the year 2021-22.

14 Bidders are expected to submit technical bids along with scanned copies of all required documents. No document (s) that have not been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy for evaluation consideration. However, if need arises, Hard copies of any specific supporting documents, on the other hand, may be required on demand in support of documents posted online for clarification during technical evaluation.

15 The bidder should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submitting a bid, and no claim based on constrained site conditions will be entertained after the bid is accepted.

No: R&B /Divn/5493-5508

Dated: 01/10/2022

DIPK-11160/22

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Executive Engineer

R&B Sub-Division Magam.



## PM Replaced Stones With Laptops And Jobs For Youth: Shah

### Urges People To Free J&K From 'Clutches' Of 3 Families, Make Modi Stronger



Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Asserting that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is far better since the abrogation of special status in August 2019, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday that the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has replaced stones in the hands of the youth with laptops and jobs, bringing an end to stone pelting.

Shah made these remarks while addressing a rally organised in the Rajouri district of the Union territory.

"Today's rally is a befitting reply to those who used to say that there would be bloodbath if Article 370 is abrogated," he said.

Shah said that PM took an important decision on August 5, 2019 and removed Article 370 and 35A, bringing much sought relief to the depressed classes, Dalits, Tribals and hill people who have now got their rights in J&K.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh besides were also present on the occasion.

The Home Minister said that the immense love and trust of the people towards Prime Minister motivates the government to work for the welfare of the people in J&K.

Shah said that the PM has launched a continuous campaign against terrorists and separatists, as a result of which **More on P11**

**Promises Quota Benefits To Gujjars, Bakerwals; Paharis**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday announced that the Gujjar, Bakerwal and Pahari communities in **More on P11**

**Mobile Internet Suspended In Parts Of Jammu, Rajouri**

Authorities on Tuesday suspended mobile internet services in parts of Jammu and Rajouri districts till 1700 **More on P11**

**Pays Obeisance At Vaishno Devi Shrine**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday visited the famous Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on **More on P11**

## Valley On Alert As HM Shah Arrives In Srinagar

Press Trust Of India

**Srinagar:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday arrived here as part of his three-day tour to the Union territory, officials said.

They said Shah arrived at the Srinagar airport from the Jammu region at around 7 pm.

The Union home minister set off the three-day tour of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. He met several delegations on



Monday, and on Tuesday, he visited Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine at Katra and **More on P11**

**Train Service To Remain Suspended Today**

The authorities on Tuesday said that train service between Baramulla and Budgam section will remain suspended on Wednesday in view of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Baramulla **More on P11**

**PRIME MINISTER MODI IS GIVING FREE HEALTH** facilities up to Rs. five lakh to 27 lakh families of Jammu and Kashmir, which these three families never provided in the last 70 years as they were corrupt and grabbed money coming from Delhi,"

DGP Lohia's Sensational Murder

## Domestic Help Arrested After All-Night Manhunt

Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** The sensational murder of Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (Prisons) Hemant Kumar Lohia was solved within hours as his 23-year-old domestic help, the main suspect, was arrested here on Tuesday, police said.



(sense of) insecurity" and demanded a high-level probe into the incident.

Yashir Lohar's arrest from a field in Kanhachak, around 10 km from the place where the incident happened, followed a major all-night manhunt, the **More on P11**

**LG Expresses Grief Over Lohia's Murder**

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday expressed shock and grief over the murder of Director General (Prisons) H K Lohia, saying he served the country with great honour and dedication. A 1992-batch IPS officer, Lohia was found murdered under suspicious circumstances at his **More on P11**

## FIR Ordered Against SDM Gurez For 'Assaulting' Lecturer

Zaid Bin Shabir

**Srinagar:** A local court has directed police to file a case against Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gurez and probe the allegations of assault leveled against him by a Scheduled Tribe (ST) lecturer posted in North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

The court of Judicial Magistrate 1st class Gurez, has directed "SDPO Gurez to register FIR against SDM Gurez and personally investigate the matter" after the senior civil administration official was accused of assaulting the Lecturer and

abusing ST/SC community and the reservation scheme.

The court order came almost a fortnight after Kashmir Observer in its weekly programme Inkishaf had reported the physical assault of the lecturer by his senior. The case didn't attract any punitive action prompting many to question the SC-ST Act for failing to protect the rights and dignity of Tribals in JK.

Bilal Ahmad Magray, a lecturer posted in Government Girls Higher Secondary School Dawar, Gurez approached the court alleging **More on P11**



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## Nearly All Of Bangladesh Without Electricity After Grid Failure

AGENCIES

Dhaka: At least 130 million people in Bangladesh were without power on Tuesday afternoon after a grid failure caused widespread blackouts, the government's power utility company said.

More than 80 percent of the country was hit by the sudden outage shortly after 2 pm local time (0800 GMT), according to the Power Development Board.

Apart from some locations in Bangladesh's northwest, "the rest of the country is without power", agency spokesman Shamim Ahsan told AFP.

itself home to more than 22 million people.

Bangladesh has suffered a major power crisis in recent months as a result of higher global energy prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Public anger has intensified over lengthy blackouts in the South Asian nation, which is struggling to pay for enough imported diesel and gas to meet electricity demand.

Bangladesh last witnessed a major unscheduled blackout in November 2014, when around 70 percent of the country went without power for nearly 10 hours.



Ahsan said 130 million people or more were without electricity and it remained unclear what had caused the fault.

"It is still under investigation," he said, adding that a technical malfunction was the likely reason.

Junior technology minister Zunaid Palak said on Facebook that power would be restored by 8 pm in the capital Dhaka,

**More than 80 percent of the country was hit by the sudden outage shortly after 2 pm local time (0800 GMT), according to the Power Development Board.**

## 'Defence Minister Approves Renaming Faizabad Cantt As Ayodhya Cantt'



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved renaming the Faizabad Cantt as Ayodhya Cantonment, official sources, Press Trust of India reported on Tuesday.

The renaming of the Cantonment comes ahead of Dussehra celebrations.

The Faizabad Cantt will be known as Ayodhya Cantonment," said a source.

Mr Singh is currently undertaking a two-day visit to Uttarakhand.

He will have a 'Bada Khana' with soldiers at Dehradun on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday, he will perform 'Shastra Puja' in Chamoli on the occasion of Vijaya Dashmi.

He will celebrate Dussehra with soldiers at Auli and Mana, and will offer prayers at Badrinath Dham.



Kenyan activists demonstrate at a protest to highlight the effects of global warming and demand more aid for poor countries, in downtown Nairobi, Kenya Sept. 24, 2022. (Photo | AP)

## UN Chief: World Is In 'Life-Or-Death Struggle' For Survival

AGENCIES

UNITED NATIONS: U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned Monday that the world is in "a life-or-death struggle" for survival as "climate chaos gallops ahead" and accused the world's 20 wealthiest countries of failing to do enough to stop the planet from overheating.

The U.N. chief said emissions of global-warming greenhouse gases are at an all-time high and rising, and it's time for "a quantum level compromise" between rich developed countries that emitted most of the heat-trapping gases and emerging economies that often feel its worst effects.

Guterres spoke as government representatives opened a meeting in Congo's capital Kinshasa to prepare for the major U.N.-led climate conference in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh in November. It's a time of immense climate impacts around the world — from floods that put one-third of Pakistan under water and Europe's hottest summer in

500 years to hurricanes and typhoons that have hammered the Philippines, Cuba and the U.S. state of Florida.

In the last few weeks, Guterres has amped up a push for climate's version of asking polluters pay for what they've done, usually called "loss and damage," and he said Monday that people need action now.

"Failure to act on loss and damage will lead to more loss of trust and more climate damage. This is a moral imperative that cannot be ignored."

Guterres said the COP27 meeting in Egypt "must be the place for action on loss and damage." In unusually critical language, he said commitments by the so-called G20 group of the world's 20 leading economies "are coming far too little, and far too late." Guterres warned that current pledges and policies "are shutting the door on our chances to limit global temperature rise to 2 degrees Celsius, let alone meet the 1.5 degree goal."

"We are in a life-or-death struggle for our own safety today and our survival tomorrow," he said. "COP27 is the place for all

countries — led by the G20 — to show they are in this fight, and in it together," Guterres said. "And the best way to show it is by showing up at COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh."

Rich countries, especially the United States, have emitted far more than their share of heat-trapping carbon dioxide from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, data shows. Poor nations like Pakistan and Cuba have been hurt far more than their share of global carbon emissions.

Loss and damage has been talked about for years, but richer nations have often balked at negotiating details about paying for past climate disasters, like Pakistan's flooding this summer.

The issue is fundamental for the world's developing countries and Guterres is reminding rich nations "that they cannot try and brush it under the carpet ... G20 nations have to take responsibility for the great need their actions have caused," said Mohamed Adow of Power Shift Africa, which tries to mobilize climate action in Africa.

## Nobel Prize In Physics Awarded To Scientists Aspect, Clauser And Zeilinger

Scientists Alain Aspect, John Clauser and Anton Zeilinger won the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics for their advances in the behaviour of subatomic particles, opening the door to work on super computers and encrypted communication.

The awards were given for "experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science", the award-giving body said on Tuesday.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the laureates — Aspect is French, Clauser American and Zeilinger Austrian — enabled further fundamental research and also potentially cleared the way for new practical technology.

The scientists all conducted experiments into quantum entanglement, where two particles are linked regardless of the space between them, a field that unsettled Albert Einstein himself, who once



referred to it in a letter as "spooky action at a distance".

"It was very kind to receive your phone call just about an hour ago and I'm still kind of shocked, but very positive, so thank you very much," Zeilinger told a news conference over the phone.

"I have to say that I was I was always interested in quantum mechanics from the very first moment when I read about it. I was suddenly struck by some of the theoretical predictions because they did not fit in all the usual intuition which one might have."

## Acid Served In Water Bottles In Pak Restaurant, Manager Arrested

Lahore: A restaurant manager in Pakistan has been arrested by Lahore police after two minors were served acid in water bottles at a birthday party at a eatery.

The incident occurred at historic Greater Iqbal Park's 'Poet Restaurant' on September 27. The minors are still undergoing medical treatment at a hospital.

According to the FIR, a copy of which is available with PTI, Muhammad Adil said he had a family birthday party at the Poet Restaurant.

"As the staff served the water bottles my nephew Ahmad washed his hands with it. Soon afterwards he started crying and we witnessed that his hands and arms suffered burn injuries as acid contained the water bottle," complainant Adil said.

Meanwhile, his two-and-a-half-year-old niece Wajiha started vomiting as she had drunk the acid in another water bottle.

Both were rushed to the hospital where the condition of Wajiha is stated to be critical.

Police have registered a case against the restaurant manager and five other employees under section 336B (punishment for hurt by corrosive substance) of the Pakistan Penal Code.

"We have arrested the restaurant manager Muhammad Javed and raids were being made for the arrest of others nominated by the complainant," police officer Tahir Waqas told PTI on Monday.

He said the police have also closed the restaurant till the investigation is completed. "This is a strange incident and we are probing it from all angles," the officer said.

## Ex-German Chancellor Wins UN Award For Resettling Syrian Refugees

Geneva, Switzerland: Former German chancellor Angela Merkel on Tuesday won the United Nations refugee agency's prestigious Nansen Award, receiving praise for her determination to protect asylum seekers while in office.

Pointing to the more than 1.2 million refugees and asylum seekers welcomed by Germany in 2015 and 2016, at the height of migrant crisis sparked especially by the war in Syria, the UNHCR selection committee hailed Merkel's "leadership, courage and compassion."

At the time, the woman who led the German government for 16 years said the situation "put our European values to the test as seldom before. It was no more and no less than a humanitarian imperative."



UNHCR chief Filippo Grandi hailed Merkel's determination to protect asylum seekers and to stand up for human rights, humanitarian principles and international law.

"By helping more than a million refugees to survive and rebuild, Angela Merkel displayed great moral and political courage," he said in a statement.

"It was true leadership, appealing to our common humanity, standing firm against those

who preached fear and discrimination," he said.

"She showed what can be achieved when politicians take the right course of action and work to find solutions to the world's challenges rather than simply shift responsibility to others."

The selection committee highlighted that in addition to protecting people forced to flee war, Merkel was the driving force behind Germany's collective efforts to receive them and help them integrate into society.

The Nansen Award, awarded annually, was created in 1954 in honour of the first UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Norwegian Arctic explorer and humanitarian Fridtjof Nansen, to mark outstanding work on behalf of refugees.

## Congress Contest: Shashi Not Expecting Support From "Big Leaders"

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram: With campaigning for the Congress presidential poll kicking off, party leader Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday said he never expected big leaders to support him and does not expect it even now, but at the same time he needs everyone's backing.

The statement by Mr Tharoor, who arrived in Kerala as part of the poll campaigning, comes in the wake of Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president K Sudhakaran publicly declaring his support for veteran leader Mallikarjun Kharge for the party chief's post.

Mr Tharoor, also the MP from Thiruvananthapuram, told reporters here he was not going to betray those who supported him till now in this endeavour of his by backing off from the election.

"I was not expecting any support from the big leaders of the party and I am not expecting that now either. In fact, I met party workers at Nagpur, Wardha and then Hyderabad. They are the ones asking me to contest and not back away from it."

"I assured them I will not back away. I will not betray those who have supported me

till now. Their confidence in me is what gives me the strength to move forward," he said.

He also said that while the "majority of his supporters are young party leaders and party workers", he needs support from everyone and was not going to discount anyone.

On being asked whether Sudhakaran's public support for Kharge was meant to discourage others from supporting him, Mr Tharoor said,



"Maybe. But I am not saying that. I do not need to decipher what is going on in people's minds. I will say one thing, whatever one says secretly or publicly, the ballot is secret."

"No one is going to know who voted for whom. People can vote according to their wishes and beliefs. They can decide whom they want to strengthen the party and prepare it to counter the challenge."

## China Keen On Importing Donkeys And Dogs From Pak

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: China has shown interest in importing donkeys and dogs from Pakistan, officials have told a parliamentary committee as the cash-strapped country is trying to overcome a major economic crisis.

During a briefing on imports and exports on Monday between the officials of the Ministry of Commerce and Senate Standing Committee, one of its members, Dinesh Kumar said that China has expressed interest in importing donkeys as well as dogs from Pakistan, Geo News reported.

Senator Abdul Qadir also informed the committee that the Chinese ambassador had also talked about exporting meat from Pakistan several times.

One of the members of the committee also suggested that since animals are comparatively cheaper in Afghanistan, Pakistan can import from there and then export the meat to China.

However, the committee was informed by the officials of the commerce ministry that animal import from Afghanistan has been temporarily banned as there have been reports of lumpy skin disease among animals in the neighbouring country.

China's keen interest in donkeys is because they use



the animal's hide in manufacturing traditional Chinese medicines, "ejiao" or donkey-hide gelatin that supposedly has medicinal properties, traditionally used to nourish the blood and enhance the immune system.

Pakistan, which has the world's third largest population of donkeys, currently having 5.7 million animals, has earlier also exported the animals to China.

Last year, the Punjab government set up a donkey farm over 3,000 acres in Okara district in Punjab province intending to export donkeys to help with the country's drying foreign cash reserve.

The first-of-its-kind government-owned farm is used to rear donkeys of "great breeds" including American, to increase the export to China and other countries. China earlier used to import its stock of donkeys from Niger and Burkina Faso, until the two West African countries banned their export.

## 3 UP Doctors Rape Facebook Friend

Basti, Uttar Pradesh: A doctor was arrested for allegedly raping a woman in Uttar Pradesh's Basti, police said today. The woman filed a complaint with the police stating that the doctor, posted at a hospital in the Basti Sadar Kotwali area, befriended her on social media and asked her to visit him, they said.

"When she visited the hospital, the doctor took her to his hostel room where he and his two colleagues, who are also doctors, raped her," the police said quoting the complainant.

The woman, who is a teacher in a private educational institute, reached Lucknow from Basti and informed the police on September 27, they said, a case has been registered and investigation taken up, the police said, adding that the doctor was arrested from the hospital.

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# URBAN MESS: Traffic Jams In City Pester Commuters

Syed Mohammad Burhan

**W**ith car ownership rising, congestion across the Srinagar City is likely to be worse than it was before. The skyrocketing traffic is not just maddening to drivers; it has made the city's streets deadlier for pedestrians and cyclists.

Traffic Jams in the city are not something new. We are used to traffic Jams now. The number of vehicles on the roads has increased manifold but the roads remain the same. So, the only alternative, I think, to regulate traffic is to widen the already existing roads.

Syed Mutahar  
Bank Employee

People should travel more by public transport than private vehicles. This will lessen the number of vehicles on roads and help in reducing traffic jams. The administration can try an old even mechanism which helps in reducing traffic jams.

Nighat Afzal  
Student, LASE

Traffic lights have been installed in the city long back but are dysfunctional. It is difficult to understand why it is taking too long for the authorities to make these traffic lights operational. It is sad that city dwellers have been left to fend for themselves.

Shadab Abbas  
Businessman

There is a lack of traffic sense among many of us. There are so many people who drive without adhering to traffic rules and regulations,

which not only hampers smooth flow of traffic but endangers people's lives. The issue of narrow roads adds to the problem.

Afreen Shabir  
Student, KU

The traffic snarls in the city are due to a number of reasons. Many roads in the city, in and around the city centre have been dug up in the city for Smart City Projects which hampers smooth flow of traffic. Moreover, with days getting shorter, people go back to their homes earlier which results in more traffic snarls.

The ever increasing vehicles on the roads, lack of parking spaces and lack of traffic sense among some people are some other reasons for traffic jams in the city.

However, we are trying our level best to regulate the traffic.

Muzaffar Ahmad Shah  
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## This Day In History

- 1957 - USSR launches Sputnik I, 1st artificial Earth satellite
- 1958 - Fifth Republic of France is established.
- 1959 - Netherlands beats Belgium 9-1
- 1959 - USSR Luna 3 sent back 1st photos of Moon's far side
- 1964 - 3 cars of a commuter train derailed in South Africa killing 81
- 1965 - USSR launches Luna 7; crash lands on Moon
- 1967 - Omar Ali Saifuddin III of Brunei abdicates in favour of his son, His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah.
- 1968 - A Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (NICRA) delegation meet with the Derry March organisers and try to have the march cancelled; eventually it was decided to go ahead with the march.
- 1975 - A Cessna 310Q airplane crashes over Wilmington, North Carolina, killing the pilot and severely injuring several pro wrestlers affiliated with the NWA's Mid-Atlantic promotion. One of the survivors is the legendary Ric Flair.
- 1976 - Official launch of the Intercity 125 High Speed Train (HST).
- 1978 - Funeral services held for Pope John Paul I
- 1982 - West German parliament officially confirms Helmut Kohl as the country's new Chancellor

## From KO Archives

## IAS Officer, Others Face Prosecution For Fraud

Observer News Service

**S**rinagar - Kashmiri officialdom was never very particular about how contemptibly low it stoops to plunder public funds, but it must have required an unusual degree of meanness to cheat backward Gujjars and Bakarwaals of their paltry government compensation for losses suffered due to hailstorms and heavy rain. In this 7-year-old case, the then deputy commissioner Pulwama incidentally, a senior IAS officer - S. D. Lone; another deputy commissioner, Muhammed Akram Hajan; the then assistant commissioner - revenue, and presently director, land records, Srinagar, Muhammed Afzal Bhat and the then tehsildar Pulwama, Habibullah Mir, along with nearly half-a-dozen petty officials of the district DCs office have been challenged by the vigilance) organisation misappropriating Rs 15 lakh which the state had sanctioned as relief to the nomads for livestock losses during natural calamities in the hilly areas of Shopyan and Pulwama. The entire amount had been placed at the disposal of the then DC, who had been charged with the responsibility of disbursing it to the deserving members of the community after proper verification.

Vigilance investigations revealed that the officers named in the case, in collusion with four private persons (who have asked been charge sheeted had manipulated records to show that Rs 14,80,940 had been distributed among 652 members of the Gujjar and Bakarwal community.

Sixty-two persons among the supposed beneficiaries selected at random by the VO, denied having received any relief, and the finger impressions on acquittance rolls did not tally with the fingerprints. Expert established that thumb impressions supposed to be the marks of 181 different recipients were in fact the thumbprints of only a few people repeated over and over on the rolls. The VO also found that recipients who were shown belonging to the Udhampur and Rajoun districts were only fictitious names and that Rs 3,75,090 were deposited with Reshi Gas Agency rather than going to a sufferer.

Having prima-facie established the officers' involvement in the fraud; the VO has pressed charges against them under relevant laws before the special anti-corruption court in Srinagar.

(Kashmir Observer, October 05, 2000)

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Record Tourism

Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a tourism boom this year. And incidentally, 43 percent of the tourists are pilgrims to two Hindu shrines — Vaishno Devi in Jammu and Amarnath in Kashmir. But these visitors come on short trips to the union territory so the administration is trying to prolong their stay. And to this end, the J&K Tourism Department has lined up an all-India devotional song competition, cultural programmes, and multimedia exhibitions in Jammu during the ongoing Navratri period.

Similar arrangements were made during the Amarnath pilgrimage this year. The number of tents along the road to the shrine were increased from 29,000 in 2018 to 70,000. Government wants Amarnath pilgrims to also visit health resorts in Srinagar, Gulmarg and Pahalgam in the Valley. The UT government has now increased the options for tourists by developing more resorts. For example, Aharbal, Yusmarg, Tosamaidan, Gurez, historic old city in Srinagar are finding a prominent place on the tourist map of Kashmir. These places need further development of tourist infrastructure and also wider publicity for people to visit.

And in the Jammu division, the government is promoting Patnitop, Sanasar and Bhaderwah to be go-to places for the Vaishno Devi pilgrims. Besides this, the government is also trying to bolster the tourism infrastructure in the UT. There is a plan to set up three five star hotels in the Valley and the government is in the process of identifying land for them.

J&K has received the highest-ever tourist footfall of 1.6 crore this year, and the administration expects the number to cross 2 crore by the end of this year. Around 3.65 lakh pilgrims visited the Amarnath shrine this year and 65 lakh visited Vaishno Devi.

With winter approaching, the tourist inflow is only going to further increase. The Valley already received the season's first snowfall on Monday. Afarwat in Gulmarg and Pir Panjal range of mountains are draped in white blanket of snow. Snowfall in the Valley has been traditionally a great attraction for the people in mainland India, since snow is a novelty for them.

Tourism, one of the mainstays of the Kashmir economy, is one of the sectors that has been hit the hardest over the two years following the abrogation of Article 370 with successive Covid -19 lockdowns also crushing the sector. As a result, a large section of people was largely without employment. Their savings had been depleted. This included also the people associated with tourism. Here's hoping that things improve from hereon. The waning pandemic and the return of normalcy has created conditions for unhindered tourism in the Valley. The future looks bright if things stay the same way.

OTHER OPINION

Old problem

One of the many boons of modernity has been an increase in life expectancy. People around the world are living longer, with life expectancy worldwide rising from 46 to 68 years between 1950 and 2010. As of 2019, there were 703 million senior people aged 65 and above globally, most of whom live in East and Southeast Asia, followed by Europe and North America. This number is projected to double over the next three decades; there will be over 1.5 billion elderly persons by 2050. A recent report by the UN department of economic and social affairs, World Population Prospects 2022, has projected that India will be the most populous nation in the world in 2050. Significantly, the country's elderly population will be twice as much by the middle of the century. So the International Day of Older Persons — it fell on October 1 — should be an occasion for policymakers to reflect on the attendant opportunities and challenges of an ageing population.

The rise in longevity must ideally be accompanied by an improvement in the quality of life for the elderly with regard to access to healthcare services, nutrition, and physical as well as emotional care. India faces severe structural challenges in each of these areas. Consider the economic dependency of the elderly population. Pension plans are inadequate, hardly accounting for rising inflation, causing considerable hardship. There seems to be policy inertia when it comes to reimagining the able among the aged as an economically productive constituency, augmenting their financial dependence. This prejudice stems from preconceived cultural notions of the elderly being inefficient or cognitively challenged. Insurance coverage often proves to be prohibitively expensive, reducing access to healthcare. Many among the elderly thus find it difficult to bear the costs of a major illness at a time when their health begins to fail. With the fragmentation of the family as a principal care-giving unit, the costs of meeting the welfare of senior citizens is rising. India, which spends 0.032 per cent of its GDP on geriatric care, seems to be hell-bent on encouraging a model of privatised care for the old, a template that is notoriously vulnerable to profiteering and poor quality of care. The ostensible veneration for the elderly in India is not matched by the services provided by the State, family or the market. International Day for Older Persons thus remains a solemn occasion.

Telegraph India



India's Growing Defence Exports

Asad Mirza

India's defence exports to various countries have increased manifold in recent years, the latest deal is to export Indian rocket launchers to Armenia

According to reports, India would supply the 'Pinaka' multi-rocket launcher system, which can fire a salvo of 12 HE rockets in 44 seconds to Armenia besides anti-tank missiles and a variety of ammunition as part of a package agreement. The complete details of these armaments have not yet been disclosed. Pinaka saw service during the Kargil War, where it was successful in neutralising enemy positions on the mountaintops.

While the deal's value has not been disclosed, the report claims armament worth \$250 million or INR 2,000 crores would be sold over the next few months. The deal was signed earlier this month and supplies are to be fast-tracked.

It is not the first time that Armenia has received weapons equipment from India. In 2020, India triumphed over Russia and Poland in a \$40 million defence agreement with Armenia providing it with four indigenous 'Swathi' counter-battery radars.

This disclosure comes days after India called on the "aggressor side" in fresh fighting along the Armenia-Azerbaijan border to "immediately cease hostilities" without directly naming Azerbaijan. Latest fighting erupted between the two sides on September 13.

India's Defence Exports

Meanwhile, it seems the Armenian-Azerbaijan conflict has helped India to boost its arms exports. According to reports India recently announced figures for the highest-ever defence export growth that swelled by a staggering 334% over the last five years.

In fact India is chasing an even higher target. In 2020, the Modi government had set a target of Rs 35,000 crore (\$ 5 billion) export in aerospace, and defence goods and services in the next five years. This is part of the turnover of Rs 1.75 lakh crore (\$ 25 billion) in defence manufacturing by 2025 that the government is aiming to achieve.

India's defence exports touched a record Rs 13,000 crore in 2021-22, "eight times" of what it was around five years ago.

Besides the strategic importance of the deal with Armenia, the export order is a boost for the indigenous defence industry with the Indian government keen to increase the value of Indian arms exports.

India had also signed a contract with the Philippines in January 2022 for the sale of Brah-

His latest defence deal will place India as one of the emerging global powers with rising defence exports capability. In addition it will also allow it to play a significant role in the central Asian republics and regionally, both

Mos missiles.

Currently, India exports defence equipment to 75 countries and these include weapon simulators, tear gas launcher, torpedo loading mechanism, alarm monitoring & control, night vision monocular & binocular, light-weight torpedo & fire control systems, armoured protection vehicle, weapons locating radar, high-frequency radio, coastal surveillance radar among others.

Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict

The issue of the conclave of Nagorno-Karabakh has always been the bone of contention between Armenia and Azerbaijan ever since the two countries became independent republics, after gaining independence from the erstwhile USSR.

The disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh lies in Azerbaijan and is inhabited mostly by ethnic Armenians. The conflict escalated into a full-scale war in the early 1990s which later transformed into a low-intensity conflict until four-day escalation in April 2016 and then into another full-scale war in 2020.

A ceasefire signed in 1994 in Bishkek was followed by two decades of relative stability, which significantly deteriorated along with Azerbaijan's increasing frustration with the status quo, at odds with Armenia's efforts to cement it.

Azerbaijan, for one, has received backing from its traditional allies and supporters, Turkey and Israel. During the 2020 skirmish between the two combatants, Baku turned the tide in its favour by overwhelmingly deploying Turkish Bayraktar and Israeli kamikaze drones.

While Armenia has often turned to Russia

for support, Moscow's preoccupation with the on-going war against Ukraine has resulted in not a very supportive response, this time.

In the face of rising hostilities and little military aid, the defence deal with India may prove to be a shot in the arm for a beleaguered Armenia.

Azerbaijan-Turkey-Pakistan Relationship

India's military assistance for Armenia comes against the backdrop of its regional rival's bonhomie with Azerbaijan. Pakistan has consistently backed Azerbaijan in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and has refused to establish diplomatic ties and legally recognise Armenia as an independent state.

Azerbaijan is seen by many as part of an emerging axis with Turkey and Pakistan. It has used Turkish drones to fight war against Armenia, and is also in talks with Pakistan to buy the JF-17 fighter aircraft.

In 2017, Turkey, Azerbaijan, and Pakistan had signed a Trilateral Ministers Agreement that established security cooperation, and built upon previous bilateral military aid arrangements. These three countries also conducted a joint exercise named 'Three Brothers' last year.

The rise of Azerbaijan with increased Turkey-Pakistan military cooperation is a direct warning to India. Azerbaijan has acquired many deadly weapons by increasing friendship with Turkey and Pakistan in the name of Islam. Indian fears that other countries may also go along this route in the name of Islamic countries are not unfounded.

However, in spite of these developments, an interesting fact is that India has stronger economic ties with Azerbaijan than with Armenia. Indian company ONGC has also invested heavily in Azerbaijan's gas sector. The Indian bilateral trade with Azerbaijan in 2019 stood at \$1093 million, while with Armenia it was only \$48 million in 2020.

Broadly, this latest defence deal will place India as one of the emerging global powers with rising defence exports capability. In addition it will also allow it to play a significant role in the central Asian republics and regionally, both.

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Mental health of Children

Children's emotional wellbeing is just as important as their physical health. Good mental health helps them develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults. Most children grow up mentally healthy, but surveys suggest that more children and young people have problems with their mental health today than 30 years ago. Mental health problems affect around one in six children. They include depression, anxiety and conduct disorder (a type of behavioural problem), and are often a direct response to what is happening in their lives. Alarm-

ingly, however, 75% of children and young people who experience a mental health problem aren't getting the help they need.

Now, a new UCLA study has found that young adults who have experienced discrimination have a higher risk for both short and long-term behavioural and mental health problems. The findings of the study were published in the journal 'Paediatrics'. Researchers examined a decade's worth of health data on 1,834 Americans who were between 18 and 28 years old when the study began. They found that the effects of discrimination may be cumulative - that the greater number of incidents of

discrimination someone experiences, the more their risk for mental and behavioural problems increases.

The study also suggested that the effects of discrimination in young adults are connected with disparities in care for mental health concerns and institutional discrimination in health care overall, including inequities in diagnoses, treatment and health outcomes.

Previous studies have linked discrimination - whether due to racism, sexism, ageism, physical appearance or other biases - to a higher risk for mental illness, psychological distress and drug use. While previous research has examined the correla-

tion in childhood or later adulthood, this new study is the first to focus on the transition to adulthood and to follow the same group of individuals over time.

The findings are particularly relevant in light of the stresses young adults are facing nationwide today. The last two years of COVID-19 pandemic has brought to the forefront new mental health challenges - particularly for vulnerable populations. We have the opportunity to rethink and improve mental health services to acknowledge the impact of discrimination, so we can better address it to provide more equitable care deliveries.

Vijay Garg



# CRITERION OF SUCCESS

Dr Ashraf Amin

Man is born creative, ambitious, and progressive. He is dynamic and always aims at excelling. However at times he fails to grasp up with the true spirit of success and excellence. He is sometimes carried away by the opinions of others. His success is steered by the views of others. In short he is lost in mass consciousness. This stays true with our generation. Our youth have a great difficulty in defining success. They perceive money and prestige as the ultimate parameters of success. In fact the general psychology of society prompts them to see things through the lens of money, power and prestige. They would hardly think of contribution to social welfare as the primary goal of their career. As soon as they set out to achieve the goal of securing a lucrative job or making an enterprise of material fortunes, they would already surrender their creativity, wit and wisdom. Their efforts and aims are not self-driven but society driven. They have been made subservient to someone else's aspirations.

The contemporary mind-set that pervades our society defines and measures success in terms of monetary-gains. We would be often seen lauding an IAS officer or Doctor for that matter, but we would be miserly in acknowledging the contribution of an innovator or scientist or a social activist. Our general psychology does not allow us to produce social scientists, thinkers, reformers and philosophers. Money and matter seem the pivotal elements in taking up our career. And when success is measured in terms of money and prestige belittling other career options, society as a whole loses real assets of scholars, thinkers, innovators and social

workers.

God has favored every single being with a unique trait that makes him distinct from the rest of his fellow beings. That characteristic trait is manifested in the profession one takes up, when one listens to his heart and soul. The society flourishes only when there is a wholesome development in its all domains. The teachers, parents imposing career choices on their students and wards beyond their capacities or tastes is not only unethical but equally barbaric. They not only distort the personality of a student but also rob society off from his/her genuine contribution. The harms induced by wrong choices in careers under the impression of general thinking are not only reflected in the split personality one attains as result but also in the form of suicides or drug addictions. A young man must ascertain that success is self-defined. Success is not measured through luxurious homes and large cars, huge office rooms and rocking chairs. Success is measured by the contribution one makes to the cause of humanity, to the cause of virtue and righteousness. The worst feeling that one gets even after getting a deluxe job is when he feels a misfit at his working place. He constantly curses his choice. He realizes that he was made for something else. Success is not pleasing the general psychology of the society. Success is reforming the thinking of society. Success is reminding the society what priorities to take up, what matters to solve first. Success is feeling good, proud at one's own place, in one's own profession. Success is satisfying one's own intellectual conscience.

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# NOBEL PRIZE

## The Spooky World Of Quantum Mechanics

Robert Young

The 2022 Nobel prize for physics has been awarded to a trio of scientists for pioneering experiments in quantum mechanics, the theory covering the micro-world of atoms and particles.

Alain Aspect from Université Paris-Saclay in France, John Clauser from J.F. Clauser & Associates in the US, and Anton Zeilinger from University of Vienna in Austria, will share the prize sum of 10 million Swedish kronor (US\$915,000) “for experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science”.

The world of quantum mechanics appears very odd indeed. In school, we are taught that we can use equations in physics to predict exactly how things will behave in the future – where a ball will go if we roll it down a hill, for example.

Quantum mechanics is different from this. Rather than predicting individual outcomes, it tells us the probability of finding subatomic particles in particular places. A particle can actually be in several places at the same time, before “picking” one location at random when we measure it.

Even the great Albert Einstein himself was unsettled by this – to the point where he was convinced that it was wrong. Rather than outcomes being random, he thought there must be some “hidden variables” – forces or laws that we can't see – which predictably influence the results of our measurements.

Some physicists, however, embraced the consequences of quantum mechanics. John Bell, a physicist from Northern Ireland, made an important breakthrough in 1964, devising a theoretical test to show that the hidden variables Einstein had in mind don't exist.

According to quantum mechanics, particles can be “entangled”, spookily connected so that if you manipulate one then you automatically and immediately also manipulate the other. If this spookiness – particles far apart mysteriously influencing each other instantaneously – were to be explained by the particles communicating with each other through



hidden variables, it would require faster-than-light communication between the two, which Einstein's theories forbid.

Quantum entanglement is a challenging concept to understand, essentially linking the properties of particles no matter how far apart they are. Imagine a light bulb that emits two photons (light particles) that travel in opposite directions away from it.

If these photons are entangled, then they can share a property, such as their polarisation, no matter their distance. Bell imagined doing experiments on these two photons separately and comparing the results of them to prove that they were entangled (truly and mysteriously linked).

Clauser put Bell's theory into prac-

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tice at a time when doing experiments on single photons was almost unthinkable. In 1972, just eight years after Bell's famous thought experiment, Clauser showed that light could indeed be entangled.

While Clauser's results were groundbreaking, there were a few alternative, more exotic explanations for the results he obtained.

If light didn't behave quite as the physicists thought, perhaps his re-

sults could be explained without entanglement. These explanations are known as loopholes in Bell's test, and Aspect was the first to challenge this.

Aspect came up with an ingenious experiment to rule out one of the most important potential loopholes in Bell's test. He showed that the entangled photons in the experiment aren't actually communicating with each other through hidden variables to decide the outcome of

Bell's test. This means they really are spookily linked.

In science it is incredibly important to test the concepts that we believe to be correct. And few have played a more important role in doing this than Aspect. Quantum mechanics has been tested time and again over the past century and survived unscathed.

### QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

At this point, you may be forgiven for wondering why it matters how the microscopic world behaves, or that photons can be entangled. This is where the vision of Zeilinger really shines.

We once harnessed our knowledge of classical mechanics to build machines, to make factories, leading to

the industrial revolution. Knowledge of the behaviour of electronics and semiconductors has driven the digital revolution.

But understanding quantum mechanics allows us to exploit it, to build devices that are capable of doing new things. Indeed, many believe that it will drive the next revolution, of quantum technology.

Quantum entanglement can be harnessed in computing to process information in ways that were not possible before. Detecting small changes in entanglement can allow sensors to detect things with greater precision than ever before. Communicating with entangled light can also guarantee security, as measurements of quantum systems can reveal the presence of the eavesdropper.

Zeilinger's work paved the way for the quantum technological revolution by showing how it is possible to link a series of entangled systems together, to build the quantum equivalent of a network.

In 2022, these applications of quantum mechanics are not science fiction. We have the first quantum computers. The Micius satellite uses entanglement to enable secure communications across the world. And quantum sensors are being used in applications from medical imaging to detecting submarines.

Ultimately, the 2022 Nobel panel have recognised the importance of the practical foundations producing, manipulating and testing quantum entanglement and the revolution it is helping to drive.

I am pleased to see this trio receiving the award. In 2002, I started a PhD at the University of Cambridge that was inspired by their work. The aim of my project was to make a simple semiconductor device to generate entangled light.

This was to greatly simplify the equipment needed to do quantum experiments and to allow practical devices for real-world applications to be built. Our work was successful and it amazes and excites me to see the leaps and bounds that have been made in the field since.

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# HM Inaugurates Projects Worth ₹1960 Crore In Jammu

‘PM Has Adopted A Policy Of Zero Tolerance Against Terrorism’

## Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 263 development projects worth Rs.1960 crore in Jammu, which will give more impetus to the social and economic development of the people of Jammu and Kashmir

Speaking on the occasion, Shah said that the country can never forget the contributions of Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Premnath Dogra because if it were not for the two of them, Jammu & Kashmir would never have had a permanent association with India, an official spokesperson said.

Shah, he said, further stated that Mookerjee was the first person to sacrifice his life for abolishing the Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and the strong movement led by Premnath

Dogra on the issue had shaken the government in the region.

“Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken forward the movement led by these two great personalities to its logical end,” he said.

Launching a scathing attack on Abudllahs and Muftis, the Home Minister said that due to the rule of three families, Jammu and Kashmir had been left far behind other states in terms of development.

“But after 2014, Prime Minister Modi has ensured that Jammu and Kashmir is developed and move together with other states of the country,” he said, adding that 42 thousand people died of terrorism in J&K and nobody flinched an eye in Delhi.

Shah, as per the spokesperson said that now, under the leadership of PM, terrorism is under control of the security forces.

“He said that because of the strong leadership of Prime Min-

ister Modi, nobody goes on strike in Jammu and Kashmir anymore. He said that earlier, even the annual budget was not worth crores of rupees but now development works worth crores of rupees are completed in a month and this difference has been enabled by the establishment of peace in Jammu and Kashmir,” the spokesperson said.

The Home Minister, he said, further stated that today people in Jammu and Kashmir have 24 hours power supply in their homes and this is a big change.

“He said that democracy becomes strong only when the people welcome the change. He said that there is a need to recognize the three families who worked to promote terrorism, backwardness and the politics of separatism instead of development in Jammu and Kashmir,” he said.

According to the spokesperson, Shah said that 14 projects



of Urban Development Department costing Rs 31 crore, construction of 48 roads costing Rs 402 crore, Jal Jeevan Mission costing Rs 168 crore and 41 schemes worth Rs 1112 crore have been launched to connect every village of Jammu with road. He said that about 77 lakh cards under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana have been issued.

Under the Saubhagya scheme, Shah said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked to provide electricity to 8 lakh 57 thousand such houses where electricity was not available even after 75 years of independence. “He said that this journey of development is an answer to those who used to ask what has happened after the abrogation of Ar-

## 19 Delegations Meet Union HM Amit Shah At Raj Bhawan

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Over a dozen delegations from Kashmir region Tuesday met the Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the news agency KNO at least 19 delegations have met Amit Shah this evening at Raj Bhawan in Chashma Shahi area of Srinagar.

Sources said that the delegations that met the Union Home Minister include traders, fruit growers, politicians and the tourism players.

All Jammu and Kashmir Transport Association Chairman, Ajit Singh, Bilal Parray, a politician affiliated with Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Civil Society member Farooq Renzu Shah, who is

also a retired IAS officer, Mehraj ud Din Rather, a political social activist from Sumbal Sonawari, Abrar Ahmad President of Batamalo Trade Union, Javid Beigh, Politician (Budgam), Mubashir Ahmad, President Kashmir Pashmina Organization, Javed Burza (Hotelier), Sanjay Saraf IJP leader, Manzoor Pakhtoon, from TAFI, Sameer Ahmad Baktoo President of Eco Tourism, Rouf Tramboob President of Adventure Tourism, Nasir Shah Chairman Tourism Alliance, Sheikh Ashiq president KCCI, Mirwaiz Central Kashmir Abdul Latief, President Fruit Growers Bashir Ahmad, Shahid Kamili President of Chamber of Industries, Singer Gulzar Ganie and a delegation of Apni party headed by Altaf Bukhari met the visiting Union Home Minister at Raj Bhawan.

## Chopans Demand ST Status, Hold Protest In Srinagar

### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** As the Government of India is planning to give Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to Pahadi community in J&K, the Kashmiri Chopans who work as traditional shepherds protested on Tuesday in Srinagar and demanded that their community be included under the ST category.

They have appealed Home Minister Amit Shah to look into their issue with human heart

Scores of activists from Chopan Welfare Association assembled in the Press Enclave on Tuesday and held peaceful demonstration against granting ST status to Pahadis.

“Chopan Community rears Sheep of other Communities and is locally called POHAL. We are a downtrodden community, educationally and economically backward as well. We are only 3 lakh people in J&K having no land at all and our literacy rate is not even 30 %. Don't we deserve to be scheduled tribe “said a

protestor Basharat Chopan from Watri-hail Budgam

The Chopan Welfare Association has been fighting for the ST status for Chopans for the last 26 years and got a resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of J&K in 2000.

“The file for grant of Scheduled Tribe status to Chopans was put forward to the Ministry of Tribal affairs Govt of India by the then Chief Minister of J&K through J & K Social welfare department on 10th October 2000 . The Ministry of Tribal affairs Govt of India is now seriously looking at our demand. We were shocked when we came to know that Pahadis are being given ST status and we are being dropped. This is injustice with us. We appeal Home Minister Amit Shah to look into our issue with a human heart as we are only 3 lakh people in J&K and Pahadis are more than 10 lakh in number with good socio economic status,” said Abdul Ahad Chopan senior leader of Chopan Welfare Association.

## Temple Reopens In Handwara After 3 Decades

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** A temple in Handwara which closed its doors for devotees three decades ago because of militancy and migration of Hindus has been reopened.

Handwara, once home to a high number of Kashmiri Pandits, is again reverberating with the sound of temple bells after 33 long years, as Ganesh Temple has been thrown open for devotees. A special 'pooja' was also performed by devotees at the temple.

President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Handwara, Ashok Kumar said, they had prayed last time on March 4, 1990.

He said that they received immense support from the local Muslims in restor-

ing the decades old Temple.

“We were helped and supported by the local Muslim populace. They even came to clean the temple which reflects a great example of oneness and mostly the Kashmiriyat,” Kumar added.

Locals told a local news agency KNO that before militancy erupted, Muslims often used to be a part of Hindu occasions/festivals and they wanted Hindus to return and settle down permanently.

“We are incomplete without them. The central government must take concrete steps for the return of Kashmiri Hindus,” they added. Two months ago, they said that they got to know Ramesh and Bitu, the organisers of Ganesh temple started renovating it.

## PDP, NC Leader Promises To Join BJP For ST Status To Paharis

### Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Two prominent leaders of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the National Conference have expressed their desire to join the BJP on condition that the central government grants Schedule Tribe status to their Pahari community.

PDP district president Rajouri Tazeem Dar and senior NC leader Shafqat Mir gave the assurance to Union Home Minister Amit Shah during a meeting here on Monday

night, sources said.

The two leaders were part of a Pahari community delegation which called on the home minister shortly after his arrival on a three-day tour of Jammu and Kashmir.

Representatives of several other communities including Gujjars and Bakerwals, Sikhs, Dogra society, Yuva Rajput Sabha and Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha also met Shah, a former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president.

While the Pahari community is seeking a scheduled tribe status and enjoying the backing of

local BJP leaders, Gujjars and Bakerwals have openly opposed any such favour to the community on the plea that they did not fit the criteria necessary for the grant of the status in accordance with the constitution.

The Gujjar and Bakerwal delegations appealed to the home minister to allay their apprehensions that ST Status of the Gujjars, Bakerwals, Gadis and Pippis shall not be diluted by including any other section of people in the category of Scheduled Tribe in the Union Territory.

## People Turn Up At HM's Rally Wearing Traditional Turbans

### Press Trust Of India

**RAJOURI:** A large number of people turned up at Union Home Minister Amit Shah's public rally here on Tuesday wearing traditional turbans, locally known as 'pagdis'.

Most of them were seen wearing different turbans tied in a traditional manner, with some having a portion pointing upwards, a style commonly referred to as 'Shamla'.

Dheeraj Sharma, a sarpanch from Dhangri Panchayat, said turban is part of the traditional dress of the people in Rajouri and Poonch and they wear it mostly during functions.

“We are wearing turbans today not only as part of the dress but to highlight our demand of Scheduled Tribe status for the Pahari community,” Sharma told PTI.

Shah addressed a rally organised in this town, situated at the foothills of the Pir Panjal mountain range along the Indo-Pak border.

Shah announced that the Gujjar, Bakerwal and Pahari communities in Jammu and Kashmir will get reservation benefits in accordance with the recommendations of the Justice Sharma Commission which examined the issue of quota.

Even women were seen wearing turbans. Saffron and white colour turbans outnumbered other colours at the rally.

“Our turban is our pride and both Gujjars and Bakerwals as well as Paharis wear turban as a traditional practice,” Sonam Sharma, who attended the rally said.

She said majority of the people who were wearing turbans were from the Pahari tribe and demanding ST status for the community.

A specially-abled aged man hailing from remote Toga village of Darhal walked several kilometres to reach the venue.

Jahangir Malik (65), an employee of the Power Development department, had suffered electric shock a decade ago, resulting in the amputation of his lower limb.

“I am a Pahari and want my community to get ST status. We all have high hopes from the present BJP government,” he said.

Malik said he walked several kilometres to reach the venue and be a part of this historic public rally.

“Today is a special day for our community and I walked for kilometres braving my pain,” he said.

The Gujjar and Bakerwal community at the rally thanked

the BJP-led government for giving them rights which were delayed by other parties in Jammu and Kashmir.

Anees Chowdhary, a Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) member from Agrati panchayat of Rajouri and noted Gujjar social activist, said Gujjars and Bakerwals comprise a tribe in Jammu and Kashmir which is marginalised.

“We are part of seasonal migration and our people spend six months in the upper reaches of hills and six months of winter in plain areas. Our society is confronted by multiple issues,” Chowdhary said.

However, he praised the Narendra Modi government for taking a number of steps for the welfare of the tribal population of Jammu and Kashmir.

“We are thankful to the government for taking various measures for our welfare. Inter-district recruitment ban has been abolished, forest rights act has been extended and now Scheduled Tribe reservation has been extended to us,” Khadim Hussain, another tribal from Gujjar community, said.

He said they have assembled at the rally to extend their gratitude to the government for its steps taken for the welfare of tribal population.



## LG Greet People On Dussehra

### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday extended his greetings on the eve of Dussehra.

In a message, the Lt Governor said, “On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all. Dussehra symbolises the victory of good over evil and

that of righteousness over unrighteousness. It is an occasion to foster goodness and brotherhood. The life and deeds of Lord Rama and his message of right conduct continue to inspire generations of people”. Let us resolve to

purge all ills within us and live a virtuous life following the ideals of Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram, added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor prayed for peace, development, prosperity in the UT and well being of all.

title 370. He said that it is a great achievement to have one thousand PACS in Jammu and Kashmir because it is beneficial for farmers. He said that those who want development have faith in the developmental journey, while those who are involved in corruption have nothing to do with development,” he added.

As per the spokesperson, Shah said that for the first time, it is Prime Minister Modi, who has worked to recognize Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu and Hindi as official languages because if the language of governance is local then the administration becomes more accountable.

Shah, he said, also stated that now Jammu and Kashmir does not witness the incidents of stone pelting as the government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is moving ahead on the path of development.

“Shah said that the government under Prime Minister

Narendra Modi has adopted a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism, and it is because of this that the supporters of terrorism sitting in the administration have been identified and action has been taken against them. He said that there has been a reduction of about 54 percent in terrorist incidents, 84 percent in the casualties of security forces and about 22 percent in the number of people going to the terrorist organisations,” he said.

“Shah said that by giving the youth computers and jobs instead of stones and guns, Prime Minister Modi has shown them the way towards a bright future. Narendra Modi's government has worked to provide rights to the underprivileged, amended the domicile law, rehabilitated migrants and refugees and has provided assistance of up to Rs.5 lakhs to 53000 families,” he added.

## Sikh Body Demands Statehood Before Assembly Polls

### Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** A Sikh organisation on Tuesday described the visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir as an initiation of the electoral process in the Union territory and demanded the restoration of its statehood before the conduct of the assembly elections.

In a statement, All Parties Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) chairman Jagmohan Singh Raina said assembly elections can wait in J&K. The restoration of statehood should be done at the earliest. The people of J&K are yearning for the restoration of statehood and it will be apt to make an announcement about the same at the earliest, Raina said. He urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take a lead in this regard.

Addressing public rallies at Rajouri and Baramulla is a clear indication that the government of India wants to start the electoral process in J-K. The Union government also wants to highlight its working in Kashmir so as to spell out its agenda

for the forthcoming assembly elections, he said.

The APSCC chairman said for the last one year or so, the BJP is pursuing its agenda with full force in Jammu and Kashmir.

Issues like digitalisation, issuance of golden cards for availing free health services, free gas connection for BPL families and issuance of land passbooks to the land holders in J&K are likely to dominate the pre-election discourse in the Union territory, he said.

Raina said the packages announced from time to time by the Centre have led to division among the various sections of the society in Jammu and Kashmir.

Gujjars have got political voice since a member of the community has been nominated to the Rajya Sabha while as Paharis have got four per cent reservation, he said.

The APSCC chairman said Kashmiri Pandits got a number of packages in the past three decades with thousands of youths from the community getting adjusted in the government departments.

## Foundations Of Golden Period Laid Across J&K Due To Path Breaking Initiatives: Govt

### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The path breaking initiatives of Government launched in various sectors from last three are laying the foundations of Golden period across Jammu and Kashmir, an official spokesperson said Tuesday.

Over the last three years, he said, the pace of execution of developmental schemes has increased five times on account of resurgent institutional framework.

Similarly, he said, Grass root democratic institutions like Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies have been empowered to actively participate in the decision-making process to cater to the needs of common citizens.

“In the last two years, the government has endeavoured to develop areas which had remained neglected till now. Dalits, tribals and socio-economically backward classes have benefited from an equitable governance system, so have the women of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir,” he added.

The spokesperson said that the Union Territory has achieved new horizons of success in the field of business, economy, education, culture and sports.

He said that the aspirations of the youth of Jammu and Kashmir have been synchronized with the aspirations of the country today. Their dreams are not confined to personal development, but transcend to create a

good future for the society, nation and the entire humanity. The youth of Jammu and Kashmir today aspire for an equitable society free from poverty, unemployment and exploitation. They want a society which challenges and harnesses their creativity.

“Union government and J&K administration is making every effort to make impossible things possible so that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir achieve their goals,” he added.

According to the spokesperson, the J&K Sports Council and Youth Services and Sport Department are making every efforts in J&K to reach out to the youth and provide them platform so that they can make J&K and the entire country proud in the field of sports.

He further said that Jammu and Kashmir administration is formulating policies that engage youth in the governance process and ensure participation in their on-ground implementation.

“The targeted schemes under 'Mission Youth' have been crafted to empower the youth. It provides opportunities for youth to become ambassadors of innovation, peace, progress and sports. Livelihood generation programmes, skill development, counselling, sports, recreation and financial assistance by the government have brought a new revolution in youth empowerment in the last two years,” he said.

used a broken ketchup bottle to slit his throat and later tried to set the body afire.

“The suspect had bolted the room from inside while he was rubbing balm on his foot. He repeatedly attacked him with a sharp object and even threw a burning pillow towards him in an apparent bid to set the body ablaze,” he said.

## 'I Hate My Life...Dear Death Waiting For You': JK Cop Murder Case Accused Wrote In Personal Diary

### Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** From “I hate my life” and “Dear death I am waiting for you” to Bollywood songs about sadness and the final farewell, the recent diary entries of a man who allegedly killed Jammu and Kashmir Director General (Prisons) Hemant K Lohia reveal he was

“under depression”.

Yasir Lohar, the 23-year-old domestic help, was arrested following a major manhunt through the night. It seemed, according to police, the school dropout was fed up with life.

In Hindi and broken English, he has also written in his diary one-line sentences like: “I want Restart My life,” “Zindagi

to bas taklif deti hai, sukoon to maut hi deti hai (life only hurts, death brings peace), and “everyday starts with expectation but ends with bad experience”.

Lohar, a school dropout, has also scribbled in his diary a popular Bollywood song from movie Ashiqui 2 -- “Bhula dena mujhe, hai alvida tujhe” -- in

which the lyrics talks about separation and goodbyes.

He wrote he was “99 percent sad” in his life but wore a “fake smile 100 percent”.

“I am 10 percent happy, having zero percent love in life and 90 percent tension in life. I hate my life which only gives pain and waiting for death to restart my life,” he wrote.

DG (Prisons) Lohia was found dead at his residence on the outskirts of Jammu on Monday night. His throat was slit and there were burn injuries on the body.

According to Additional Director General of Police, Mukesh Singh, Lohar was working in this house for nearly six months.

“Initial investigations reveal he was quite aggressive in his behaviour and was also under depression,” he said.

The ADGP said a preliminary examination of the crime scene indicated that Lohia must have been applying some oil on his foot, which was swollen. The killer allegedly suffocated Lohia to death and



## PM Modi's Plan To Counter China Shows Progress With iPhones

Bloomberg

**NEW DELHI:** Apple Inc.'s iPhone exports from India crossed \$1 billion in the five months since April, according to people familiar with the matter, signaling the South Asian nation is making progress with its bid to become a force in electronics manufacturing.

At the current rate, outbound shipments of India-made iPhones, mainly to Europe and the Middle East, are set to reach \$2.5 billion in the 12 months through March 2023, the people said. That's almost double the \$1.3 billion worth of iPhones India exported in the year through March 2022, the people said, asking not to be named as the data isn't public.

While India makes up just a small fraction of iPhone output, rising exports bode well for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's plan to make the country an alternative to China as factory to the world. Apple, which long made most of its iPhones in China, is seeking alternatives as Xi Jinping's administration clashes with the US government and imposes lockdowns across the country that have disrupted economic activity.

"The healthy growth in Apple's manufacturing scale and export shows India is gradually assuming an important position in the company's China plus one strategy," said Navkendar Singh, an analyst at tech researcher IDC. "And for India, this is a big sign of the success of its financial incentives scheme."

Apple representatives didn't immediately respond to an



email seeking comment. The Cupertino, California-based company flirted with the idea of making its prized iPhones in India for years before Modi's \$6 billion incentive push in 2020 drove the US tech giant to get its suppliers to ramp up production.

Apple's key Taiwanese contract manufacturers Foxconn Technology Group, Wistron Corp. and Pegatron Corp. currently make iPhones at plants in Southern India. All three won manufacturing incentives under a federal government plan.

To be sure, India is still far behind China. About 3 million iPhones were made in India last year, compared with 230 million in China, according to Bloomberg Intelligence estimates.

The devices exported from India from April to August this year comprise iPhone 11, 12 and 13 models, and exports of the new 14 line will begin soon, the people said. Apple began making the iPhone 14 in India last month -- sooner than anticipated -- after a surprisingly smooth production rollout that slashed the lag between Chinese and Indian output from months to mere weeks.

## Common Charger For All Smartphones, Tablets: Europe's New Law

AFP

**STRASBOURG:** The EU parliament on Tuesday passed a new law requiring USB-C to be the single charger standard for all new smartphones, tablets and cameras from late 2024.

The measure, which EU lawmakers adopted with a vote 602 in favour, 13 against, will -- in Europe at least -- push Apple to drop its outdated Lightning port on its iPhones for the USB-C one already used by many of its competitors.

Makers of laptops will have extra time, from early 2026, to also follow suit.

EU policymakers say the single charger rule will simplify the life of Europeans, reduce the mountain of obsolete chargers and reduce costs for consumers.

It is expected to save at least 200 million euros (\$195 million) per year and cut more than a thousand tonnes of EU electronic waste every year, the bloc's competition chief Margrethe Vestager said.



The EU move is expected to ripple around the world.

The European Union's 27 countries are home to 450 million people who count among the world's wealthiest consumers. Regulatory changes in the bloc often set global industry norms in what is known as the Brussels Effect.

"Today is a great day for consumers, a great day for our environment," Maltese MEP Alex Agius Saliba, the European Parliament's pointman on the issue, said.

"After more than a decade; the single charger for multiple electronic devices will finally become a reality for Europe and hopefully we can also inspire the rest of the world," he said.

Apple, the world's second-biggest seller of smartphones after Samsung, already uses USB-C charging ports on its iPads and laptops.

But it resisted EU legislation to force a change away from its Lightning ports on its iPhones, saying that was disproportionate and would stifle innovation.

## Investors' Wealth Rises Rs 5.66 Lakh Crore As Equity Markets Rebound

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Equity investors became richer by Rs 5.66 lakh crore as markets bounced back sharply on Tuesday following a recovery in global equities.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,276.66 points or 2.25 per cent to settle at 58,065.47 points. During the day, it zoomed 1,311.13 points or 2.30 per cent to 58,099.94 points.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms climbed Rs 5,66,318.84 crore to Rs 2,73,92,739.78 crore.

"On the backdrop of strong global cues, the benchmark indices bounced back sharply," Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail) at Kotak Securities Ltd, said.

Among the 30-share Sensex pack, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finance, Tata Consultancy Services, Bajaj Finserv, HDFC, Tata Steel, Larsen & Toubro, Wipro, HDFC Bank and Axis Bank were the major winners.

Power Grid, Sun Pharma and Dr Reddy's were the only laggards.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped 2.42 per cent and smallcap index



climbed 1.49 per cent.

All the BSE sectoral indices ended in the green, with metals rallying 3.43 per cent, services (3.08 per cent), financial services (2.82 per cent), bankex (2.74 per cent) and IT (2.68 per cent).

Elsewhere in Asia, markets in Seoul and Tokyo ended higher.

Stock exchanges in Europe were trading in the positive territory in mid-session deals. The US markets ended significantly

higher on Monday.

Foreign institutional investors turned net buyers after remaining net sellers in the recent past and bought shares worth Rs 590.58 crore on Monday, according to data available with BSE.

"Markets recovered strongly after Monday's slide and gained over 2 per cent, tracking firm global cues," Ajit Mishra, VP - Research at Religare Broking Ltd, said.

## Average Housing Prices Up 3-10% In Jul-Sep, Office Rent Rises Up To 13%

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Average housing price across eight cities rose 3-10 per cent year-on-year in July-September this year, while office rent grew up to 13 per cent on higher demand for properties, according to Knight Frank India.

Bengaluru property market saw highest growth in average housing price as well as average office rent during the third quarter of the 2022 calendar year as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, property consultant Knight Frank India said in its report 'India Real Estate - Office and Residential Market July-September 2022'.

As per the data of primary housing market, the average price in Bengaluru rose 10 per cent to Rs 5,428 per square feet in July-September quarter from Rs 4,928 per square feet in the year-ago period.

The Delhi-NCR market saw 8 per cent increase in average housing price to Rs 4,489 per square feet.

Mumbai, Pune, Chennai and Hyderabad witnessed an increase of 6 per cent in average price of residential properties to Rs 7,170 per square feet, Rs 4,250 per square feet, Rs 4,300 per square feet and Rs 4,977 per square feet, respectively.



Housing price in Kolkata rose 4 per cent to Rs 3,350 per square feet, while the average rate in Ahmedabad grew 3 per cent to Rs 2,885 per square feet.

With the revival in demand after the second wave of the Covid pandemic, real estate developers, especially large listed entities, have been raising housing prices every quarter to offset increase in rates of key construction materials.

According to Knight Frank report, housing sales rose 15 per cent in the third quarter of 2022 to 73,691 housing units across top eight cities from 64,010 in the same quarter of 2021. During January- September, sales have risen 40 per cent to 2,32,396 units from 1,63,426 units in the corresponding period of the previous year.

On office rentals, the Knight Frank data showed that average rent in Bengaluru rose 13 per cent to Rs 81 per square

feet a month during July-September this year compared with Rs 72 per square feet in the preceding year.

Average monthly rent in Pune rose 9 per cent to Rs 71 per square feet.

"Bengaluru and Pune office markets recorded maximum increase in their rental value at 13 per cent and 9 per cent YoY (Year-on-Year), respectively mostly due to higher demand and lack of Grade A space," the consultant said.

In Hyderabad, average monthly rent grew 7 per cent to Rs 65 per square feet, while in Chennai, the rent went up 5 per cent to Rs 61 per square feet.

Mumbai also saw a 4 per cent rise in rent to Rs 110 per square feet.

Office rentals in Ahmedabad, Delhi-NCR and Kolkata remained stable at Rs 40.1 per square feet, Rs 81.9 per square feet and Rs 34.7 per square feet, respectively.

## Automobile Retail Sales Rise 11% In Sep On Festive Fervour, Better Supplies



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Automobile retail sales in India rose 11 per cent in September as better supplies from manufacturers enabled dealers to ramp up customer deliveries amid the ongoing festive period, Federation Of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) said on Tuesday.

Last month, total retail sales stood at 14,64,001 units as compared to 13,19,647 units in September 2021.

FADA noted that October is expected to witness even better overall sales due to the festive season further gathering steam.

"Dealers anticipate this to be the best festive period in a decade for the passenger vehicle segment as we anticipate even higher sales during the month," it said.

Barring tractors and some three-wheeler trims, all other segments like passenger and commercial vehicles and two wheelers performed better in

September as compared to the year-ago period.

Passenger vehicle retails increased 10 per cent to 2,60,556 units last month as against 2,37,502 units in September 2021.

"Better availability of cars due to easing semiconductor supply, new launches and feature rich products kept customers glued to dealerships for getting their favourite vehicles during the auspicious period," Federation Of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) President Manish Raj Singhania said in a statement.

While semiconductor supply continues to ease, FADA requests OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) to match supply as per the demand so that PV sales can further receive a boost, he added.

Similarly, two-wheeler registrations saw an increase of 9 per cent at 10,15,702 units last month as compared with 9,31,654 units in September last year.

## Reliance Digital Brings Exciting Offers For Dusshera



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## SHORT TAKES

### Jio To Start Beta Trial Of 5G Services From Today

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Telecom major Jio will start a beta trial of 5G services in four cities - Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Varanasi - from October 5 with a select set of customers, the company said on Tuesday.

The company will send an invite to customers under Jio True 5G Welcome Offer to try its 5G services, and the subscribers will get unlimited 5G data with up to 1 gigabit per second speed.

"Post the successful demonstration of its True-5G services at the India Mobile Congress 2022, Jio is announcing the Beta trial of its True-5G services on the auspicious occasion of Dussehra for Jio users in 4 cities - Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, and Varanasi," Jio said in the statement. Invited users will be automatically upgraded to the Jio True 5G service without needing to change their existing Jio SIM or 5G handset.

Customers will only pay for their existing 4G plan and will not be charged an additional amount for 5G data during the trial.

Reliance Jio Infocomm chairman Akash M Ambani said that by embracing 5G, Jio will create nation-first platforms and solutions that will transform skill development, education, healthcare, agriculture, and many such sectors, with the promise of enabling a better life for every Indian.

### Govt Approves Rs 26,000 Cr To Install 25K Mobile Towers

PressTrust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The government has approved Rs 26,000 crore for installation of 25,000 mobile towers in 500 days, an official statement said on Tuesday.

According to a telecom ministry spokesperson, financial support for the project will be provided by Universal Services Obligation Fund and it will be implemented by Bharat Broadband Network. The project was announced by Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at three-day long 'Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers' that concluded on October 3.

"In his concluding remarks, Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that connectivity is vital for Digital India and its reach to every corner of the country. He announced that Rs 26,000 crore has been approved to install 25,000 new towers in next 500 days," the statement said.

Minister of State (MoS) for Electronics and Information Technology and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajeev Chandrasekhar, MoS Communications Devusinh Chauhan and IT ministers from 12 states and UTs, namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Goa, Manipur, Uttarakhnd, Telangana, Mizoram, Sikkim, and Puducherry participated in the conference.

### Goyal To Meet Export Promotion Councils On Oct 7

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI-** Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will meet different export promotion councils on October 7 to discuss ways to promote the growth rate in the country's outbound shipments, an official said.

The meeting assumes significance as India's exports contracted by 3.52 per cent to USD 32.62 billion in September against USD 33.81 billion in the same month last year, while the trade deficit widened to USD 26.72 billion during the last month.

Representatives from export bodies, including the Federation of Indian Export Organisations, Apparel Export Promotion Council and Council for Leather Exports, would participate in the meeting, the official said.

According to an export council, issues which would figure in the meeting include export credit refinance facility, increase in interest subsidy rates, removal of GST (Goods and Services Tax) on exports freight, exports benefits for rupee shipments to Russia and other countries, and removal of exports duty on some products.

Exporters have urged the government to continue with the GST exemption on export freight.

### UPI Payment Crosses Rs 11 Lakh Cr Milestone In Sep

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Payment through Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has crossed a milestone of Rs 11 lakh crore in September, as per the data released by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

During the month, 678 crore transactions in volume terms were done on the platform launched in 2016.

Payment through UPI had crossed Rs 10 lakh crore in May this year.

Last month, as many as 657.9 crore transactions worth Rs 10.72 lakh crore had taken place.

UPI is an instant real-time payment system which facilitates inter-bank peer-to-peer (P2P) transactions. The transaction is done through mobile in easy steps. Besides, there are no charges applicable for the UPI transaction so far. Moreover, UPI has played a key role in the country becoming almost cashless economy.

The inexpensive medium for cashless transactions has been gaining traction month on month basis.

As per NPCI data, in June 2022, the transaction value under UPI digital payments moderated marginally at Rs 10,14,384 crore from Rs 10,41,506 crore in May. It increased to Rs 10,62,747 crore in July.

### Rupee Rises 29 Paise To Close At 81.53 Against US Dollar

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** The rupee appreciated by 29 paise to end at 81.53 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday as heavy buying in domestic equities and weakness in the greenback strengthened investor sentiment. However, rising crude prices in the international market capped the rupee's gain, forex dealers said.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened strong at 81.66 against the greenback. It witnessed an intra-day high of 81.36 and a low of 81.66 during the session.

It finally ended at 81.53, up 29 paise from its previous close. In the previous session, the rupee had settled paise 42 lower at 81.82 against the dollar. "Rupee retraced from its all-time lows after the RBI raised rates by 50 bps. The dollar retraced from high levels after the manufacturing PMI number released from the US came below estimates.

"Volatility in major crosses continues to remain high as updates on the change in economic policies keep market participants on the edge. Today, the focus will be on the factory order number to gauge a view for the dollar. We expect the USD/INR (Spot) to quote in the range of 81.20 and 82.05," Gaurang Somaia, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said.



## A-Division: 2 Matches Played, Today's Fixtures Cancelled



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Two matches of the rescheduled A-Division League 2022-23 were played on Tuesday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

In the first match Alamdar FC defeated Shaheen FC by a solitary goal. The goal came via Suhail in the 26th minute of the first half. The scores remained the same till final whistle.

The second match was played between Young Down Town FC and Al-Hilal FC in which Young Down Town defeated Al-Hilal 1-0.

In the closely contested match, both the teams missed several scoring opportunities. However, Numan opened the account for

Young Down Town in 14th minute of the match, and the scores remained the same for the rest of the match.

Later, DFA Srinagar announced that the fixtures for Wednesday, October 5, stand cancelled.

The tournament is being organised by DFA Srinagar in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council. The tournament was on halt due to pending DFA Srinagar elections.

The next round of matches, according to the updated schedule, will take place on Thursday in which FC Nishat will go head-to-head against Madina Alamdar at 2:30 PM. The match is scheduled to take place at Bakshi Stadium.

## Wrestler Dies Of Heart Attack Hours After Bout



Press Trust of India

**PUNE:** Hours after defeating his opponent in a bout, a 22-year-old wrestler died of a heart attack in Maharashtra's Kolhapur city, his coach said on Tuesday.

The deceased wrestler, identified as Maruti Surwase, had been undergoing training at the Rashtrakul Kusti Sankul academy in the western Maharashtra city for the last few months.

He hailed from Pandharpur in Solapur district.

"A wrestling competition was organised in Kagal tehsil in the Kolhapur district ahead of

Dussehra on Monday. Surwase won the bout in one of the categories and returned to the academy with other wrestlers in the evening," said Ram Sarang, who runs the academy.

In the night, he complained of chest pain.

"A fellow wrestler took Surwase to a medical shop on a bike to bring medicine. But Surwase, who was riding pillion, collapsed. He was rushed to a private hospital, where he was declared dead," said Sarang.

He said the heart attack caused Surwase's death as per the postmortem report.

## Dominant SA Hand India 49-Run Defeat In 3rd T20



Press Trust of India

**INDORE:** Rilee Rossouw's sizzling century was complemented beautifully by South African bowlers as the visitors beat India by 49 runs in the third T20 here on Tuesday.

Invited to bat, Rossouw smashed 100 not out off 48 deliveries, while Quinton de Kock scored a blistering half-century

(68 off 43 balls) to power South Africa to a mammoth 227 for 3.

In reply, the hosts crumbled under pressure as they kept losing wickets at regular intervals and were bowled out for 178 in 18.3 overs.

Despite the loss, India clinched the three-match series 2-1.

For India, Umesh Yadav (1/34) and Deepak Chahar (1/48) picked a wicket each

while Dwaine Pretorius snared three for the visitors.

Brief Scores:

South Africa: 227 for 3 in 20 Overs (Rilee Rossouw 100 not out, Quinton de Kock 68; Umesh Yadav 1/34, Deepak Chahar 1/48)

India: 178 all out in 18.3 overs (Dinesh Karthik 46, Deepak Chahar 31; Dwaine Pretorius 3/26)

## Gutted That I Won't Be Part Of T20 World Cup, Says Jasprit Bumrah

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Jasprit Bumrah is gutted that he will have to miss the T20 World Cup due to a back injury but the star India pacer will cheer for his team as he goes through his rehabilitation process.

"I am gutted that I won't be a part of the T20 World Cup this time, but thankful for the wishes, care and support I've received from my loved ones. As I recover, I'll be cheering on the team through their campaign in Australia," Bumrah tweeted on Tuesday.

The BCCI on Monday ruled Bumrah out of the ICC event, dealing a massive setback to the Indian team.

Bumrah's absence will certainly affect India's chances in the marquee event in Australia as death bowling still remains a grey area.

The BCCI was awaiting medical reports while the pacer did his rehab at the National Cricket Academy but it was a foregone conclusion that he would be out for months. He was initially ruled out of the ongoing three-match T20I series against South Africa due to a back injury.

Bumrah has a history of back problems due to his slinging unorthodox front-on action which puts a lot of load on his back.

The BCCI is yet to name Bumrah's replacement.

Pacer Mohammed Shami, who is on stand-by list, could replace him if he gains full fitness after recovering from COVID-19.

In case, Shami does not achieve the desired fitness standards, Deepak Chahar or Mohammed Siraj could be named in the World Cup squad.

The team is set to leave for Australia on Thursday.

The World Cup is starting October 16 with first round from where four teams will qualify for Super 12, which will begin from October 22.



## West Indies Replaces Hetmyer After He Misses Flight

Agencies

**ST. JOHN'S (ANTIGUA):** Shimron Hetmyer was dropped by West Indies for the T20 World Cup on Monday after missing a scheduled flight to catch up with the squad in Australia. The batter was replaced by Shamarh Brooks.

Hetmyer was to leave Guyana on Saturday but was allowed by West Indies to delay flying until Monday for family reasons. That meant he wouldn't be available for a Twenty20 against Australia on Wednesday on the Gold Coast.

Then he informed West Indies on Monday that he wouldn't be able to catch the rescheduled flight. The selectors unanimously agreed to replace him with Brooks.

"Whilst we changed Shimron's flight from Saturday to Monday due to family reasons, it was made clear to him that if there were any further delays and issues with his travel to Australia then we would have no choice but to replace him in the



squad, as we are not prepared to compromise the team's ability to prepare for this extremely important global event," West Indies director of cricket Jimmy Adams said in a statement.

Hetmyer was at the T20 World Cup last year. He's played 50 T20s and averages almost 21.

The West Indies has two T20s against Australia this week, and begins the preliminary round of the T20 World Cup on Oct. 17 against Scotland in Hobart. (AP)

## Bairstow Broke Leg In 3 Places & Dislocated Ankle

Agencies

**LONDON:** England batsman Jonny Bairstow has revealed the extent of the freak injury that prevents him from playing at the T20 World Cup this month.

Bairstow broke his left leg and dislocated his left ankle while playing golf a month ago north of Leeds, just hours after being named in England's squad for the World Cup in Australia and one of the team's opening bats. He slipped and overcompensated trying to regain balance. He's revealed letting out uncontrollable screams.

"The actual injury was as such ... a broken fibula in 3 places which required a plate, 1 dislocated my ankle which in turn meant I did my syndesmosis joint and lateral ligament along with



a couple more bits," he wrote on Monday on Instagram. "All in all I have done a proper job on it!"

He had successful surgery more than a week later, and won't play again until next year.

"The first targets in mind are getting me back on my 2 feet again and making sure its right," he wrote. (AP)

## Stadium Tragedy Exposes Indonesia's Troubled Football History

Agencies

**SEOUL:** Gaining the right to host next year's Under-20 World Cup was a major milestone in Indonesia's football development, raising hopes that a successful tournament would turn around long-standing problems that have blighted the sport in this country of 277 million people.

The death of at least 125 people at a league game between host Arema FC of East Java's Malang city and Persebaya Surabaya on Saturday is a tragic reminder, however, that Indonesia is one of the most dangerous countries in which to attend a game.

Since Saturday, the domestic league has been suspended. President Joko Widodo has ordered the sports minister, the national police chief and the football federation to conduct a thorough investigation into the deadly stadium crush.

Indonesia was the first Asian team ever to play at a World Cup — participating in 1938 as Dutch East Indies — but despite an undoubted national passion for the sport, it has never returned to the global stage because of years of corruption, violence and mismanagement.

Data from Indonesia's football watchdog, Save Our Soccer, showed 78 people have died in game-related incidents over the



past 28 years.

Those accused are often associated with supporter groups that attach themselves to clubs, with the biggest boasting hundreds of thousands of members.

Arema's intense rivalry with Surabaya meant that no visiting fans were allowed in the stadium on the weekend. Yet violence broke out when the home team lost 3-2 and some of the 42,000 Arema fans, known as "Aremania," threw bottles and other objects at players and football officials.

Restrictions on visiting fans also have failed in the past. In 2016, despite Persib Bandung supporters being banned from a game with bitter rival Persija Jakarta, they were blamed for the death of a Jakarta supporter.

A month earlier, a Persib fan had been beaten to death by Jakarta followers.

In 2018, local media reported a seventh death in six years related to Indonesia's biggest football rivalry.

Football fans have accused security officials of being heavy-handed in the past and on the weekend, with witnesses describing officers beating them with sticks and shields before shooting tear gas canisters directly into the crowds. In 2016, police were accused of killing 16-year-old supporter Muhammad Fahriza at a game between Persija and Persela Lamongan, resulting in mass demonstrations demanding an end to police brutality.

FIFA, football's world governing body, advises against the use of tear gas at stadiums by on-field security or police who control and have responsibility for safety operations.

Indonesia's national football association, known locally as PSSI, has long struggled to manage the

game domestically.

In 2007, Nurdin Halid was imprisoned on corruption charges but was able to continue as the organization's president until 2011. After Halid was banned from running for another term, a rival league, federation and national team emerged.

But chaotic administration continued until FIFA suspended Indonesia in 2015, a sanction that was lifted the following year.

In 2019, when FIFA awarded Indonesia hosting rights for the Under-20 World Cup, it was seen as a vote of confidence.

In June, a FIFA panel inspected the country's football facilities and planning for the May 20-June 11 tournament and proclaimed its satisfaction.

"We are very pleased to see the preparations in Indonesia," Roberto Grassi, Head of Youth Tournaments for FIFA said.

Kanjuruhan Stadium, the site of the disaster on Saturday, is not among the six venues listed for the Under-20 World Cup, although nearby Surabaya Stadium is scheduled to host games.

FIFA has not yet commented on any potential impact on the Under-20 World Cup but the weekend tragedy is likely to damage Indonesia's bid to host the 2023 Asian Cup.

Indonesia has already co-hosted the tournament, sharing the event in 2007 with Thailand,



## CONDOLENCE



UT Administration J&K expresses its grief and sorrow over the sad demise of

Director General Prisons J&K

**Shri Hemant Kumar Lohia.**

He has served the country with great honour and dedication.

Condolences to the bereaved family and his admirers.

The administration expresses its heartfelt Sympathies with the family for bearing this irreparable loss.

**May his soul rest in Peace.**

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## Enthusiasm Marks Durga Puja Celebrations In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** Enthusiasm and fervour were in full display as the Bengali community here came out to celebrate Durga Puja.

The five-day festival, which began on October 1, was celebrated as per tradition at puja pandals in different parts of the city, officials said.

"We have been organising this puja for more than 50 years....," Jammu Durga Puja Committee Secretary Rinku Bose said.

"Earlier it used to be a small-scale event limited to a few families. Now, with many national-level institutions coming up in Jammu, many Bengali families have joined. People from across religion come here and we welcome them all. This festival is an example of communal harmony."

The committee organises its Durga Puja at Digiana Industrial Area with a huge number of visitors taking part in the celebrations.

Bose added that the 'puja mahabhog' (devotional offering made to the deity) was distributed to over 1,000 people daily.

Another highlight was the daily cultural programmes with performances by local talent at the pandal premises, he said.

The Ramakrishna Mission also observed Maha Navami at its premises in Udaiwala on the city's outskirts. A large number of devotees gathered for the celebrations, which started early in the morning with a 'mangalarati'. A special puja was also performed, a spokesperson for the mission said.

# HC Grants Bail To Former Maha Home Minister Anil Deshmukh In Money Laundering Case; ED to move SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Mumbai:** The Bombay High Court on Tuesday granted bail to former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh in a money laundering case registered by the Enforcement Directorate observing "two components of credits" in the account of his family trust were not "proceeds of crime."

The HC, however, stayed the order till October 13 as Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Anil Singh said the ED would challenge it in the Supreme Court.

Two components of credits (Rs 10.42 crore and Rs 1.12 crore) in the account of a trust controlled by the Deshmukh family, flagged by the ED, were not "proceeds of crime," a single-judge bench of Justice N J Jamadar noted in the order.

The high court also said the statements given by former Mumbai Police commissioner Param Bir Singh and dismissed cop Sachin Waze alleging that Deshmukh had taken money from police officers for

favourable postings were "prima facie hearsay".

"These statements ex-facie lack the element of certainty as to the source, time and place. They prima facie appear to be hear-say," the order said.

The Nationalist Congress Party leader, arrested on November 2, 2021, is also facing a corruption case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Justice Jamadar stated the bail plea has been allowed and Deshmukh shall be released on a bond of Rs 1 lakh.

The HC noted that the possession of unaccounted property acquired by legal means may be actionable for tax violations, yet will not be regarded as proceeds of the crime unless it constitutes an offence which is included in the Schedule.

"For being regarded as proceeds of crime, the property associated with the scheduled offence must have been derived or obtained by a person as a result of criminal activity relating

to the concerned scheduled offence," the judgment said.

Deshmukh, who was a minister in the previous MVA government, is lodged in Arthur Road jail in Mumbai.

The HC in April 2021 directed the CBI to carry out a preliminary inquiry over allegations of extortion levelled by Param Bir Singh. The CBI, based on this inquiry, registered an FIR against Deshmukh and his associates for alleged corruption and misuse of official power. The ED began its probe after the CBI registered the case.

The ED claimed Deshmukh had misused his official position and collected Rs 4.70 crore from various bars and restaurants in Mumbai.

The money was channelled to Nagpur-based Shri Sai Shikshan Sansthan, an educational trust controlled by the Deshmukh family, it alleged. But the high court noted in the order on Tuesday that two components of credits in the trust's account were not "proceeds of crime".

"The third component (of credit) amounting to Rs 1.71

crore depends on the statement of Sachin Waze which after discussion this court has held that it falls in favour of the applicant (Deshmukh)," the court said.

Justice Jamadar noted that the statements given by Waze and Param Bir Singh only said that they "heard or learnt" that Deshmukh had taken money from police officers in exchange for favourable postings.

"These statements ex-facie cannot bear the weight of the allegation of generation of proceeds of crime out of the alleged predicate offence of exercise of influence over the transfers and postings of the police officials," the court said.

The HC also raised questions as to who was the "No 1" Waze kept referring to while collecting bribe money from bar and restaurant owners.

The bench noted there are two versions - while some say in common parlance the Commissioner of Police is referred to as "No 1", while the prosecution's case is that Waze was referring to Deshmukh.

## Leopard Caught In Ganderbal

**Srinagar:** The officials of Wild Life department on Tuesday captured a leopard in Kundbal village of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. The leopard was roaming in the peripheries of the village for quite some time and in order to trap the animal, the employees of the Wild Life Department had placed a number of cages at different places, officials said.

In-charge of Wildlife Control Room Ganderbal, Shabir Ahmad told a local news agency KNT that the leopard will be released in the upper reaches of Ganderbal forest. (KNT)

## J&K Reports Six New Covid Cases

**Srinagar:** Jammu and Kashmir reported six fresh covid-19 cases even as there was no death due to the virus during the last 24 hours, officials said on Tuesday. They said four cases were reported from Jammu and two from Kashmir Valley, taking the overall tally to 479180. Among the cases, 173994 are from Jammu division and 305182 from Kashmir Valley. Giving district wise details, they said, Jammu reported 4 and Srinagar 2.

There was no death due to the virus during the time. So far 4785 people have succumbed to the virus and among them include 2352 from Jammu division and 2433 from the Valley. Besides, they said, fifteen Covid-19 patients recovered during the last 24 hours—five from Jammu division and ten from Kashmir Valley. There are now 105 active cases—41 in Jammu and 64 in Kashmir.

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## PM Replaced

the number of terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir has come down drastically.

"The number of terrorist incidents between 2006 and 2013 was 4,766 whereas after the abrogation of Article 370, terrorist incidents in the period from 2019 to 2022 have come down from 4,766 to just 721. Along with this, there is a decrease in the casualties of the security personnel. This shows that Jammu and Kashmir is now safe," he said.

The Home Minister said that earlier there were reports of stone pelting, but now this does happen because the PM has replaced stones in the hands of the youth with laptops, has provided them employment and this change is very important for Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah also assured that now no one can suppress the rights of people as PM has ensured that democracy is not restricted within three families, but 30 thousand people become part of it.

The Home Minister also reiterated the PM's promise of holding the elections after completion of delimitation process.

"The earlier delimitation was not done as per the rules of the commission, but to benefit only the three families. But now for the first time after Independence, a real delimitation has been completed and seats have been increased in the hill areas. By initiating the delimitation process, Prime Minister Modi has ensured justice to the people in Rajouri, Poonch, Doda and Kishtwar," Shah said.

Coming down heavily on the Opposition in Jammu and Kashmir, Shah said earlier just three political families used to rule the erstwhile state, but now power is with 30,000 people who were elected to panchayats and district councils through fair elections.

"Prime Minister Modi is giving free health facilities up to Rs. five lakh to 27 lakh families of Jammu and Kashmir, which these three families never provided in the last 70 years as they were corrupt and grabbed money coming from Delhi," he said.

"I want to appeal to you to free Jammu and Kashmir from the clutches of these three families and to make hands of Modi strong for betterment and welfare of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

Shah, however, did not take names of the three families.

## Promises Quota

Jammu and Kashmir will get reservation benefits in accordance with the recommendations of the Justice Sharma Commission which examined the issue of quota. He said this while addressing a rally organised in this town, situated at the foothills of the Pir Panjal mountain range along the Indo-Pak border.

Shah also said there will be no decline in ST quota of Gujjars and Bakerwals and Paharis and everyone will get their share.

He said the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 has paved the way for providing reservation benefits to the deprived sections of the society in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Justice Sharma Commission has recommended that Paharis, Bakerwal and Gujjars should be included for ST quota benefits. These recommendations have been received and soon after completion of legal procedure, Gujjars, Bakerwals and Paharis will get the reservation benefits," he said.

The home minister said some people have tried to instigate the Gujjars

and Bakerwals in the name of ST status being given to Paharis but the people have foiled their design.

There have been reports of protests by the Gujjars and Bakerwals in Jammu and Shopian in Kashmir recently against the move to grant ST status to the Paharis.

The Gujjars and Bakerwals constitute 40 per cent of the population in the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

Paharis also live in the same area but they are numerically small.

The Gujjars and Bakerwals are the third largest ethnic group in Jammu and Kashmir after Kashmiris and Dogras.

Since April 1991, they have enjoyed benefits of a 10 per cent quota for STs in jobs and educational institutions.

The Paharis are also seeking the same benefits, which was opposed by the Gujjar and Bakarwals.

Since January 2020, the Paharis have been getting 4 per cent quota benefits in jobs and educational institutions in Jammu and Kashmir following a change of rules by the Union Territory administration.

This was also opposed by the Gujjars and Bakerwals, saying they get benefits under other categories such as OBC, EWS.

He also appreciated the Union territory administration's decision to announce a holiday on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, the erstwhile ruler of Jammu and Kashmir, who signed the instrument of accession.

The home minister said on the last day of Navratri he paid obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi temple and prayed for peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah also praised the people living in Rajouri and Poonch who are "standing like rocks for the security of India" and the entire country salutes them.

"Paharis, Gujjars and Bakerwals always stood for their country whenever there was risk in India. Mountains of Rajouri and Poonch are guardians of LoC of India," he said.

## Mobile Internet

hours on Tuesday, fearing "misuse by miscreants" which may cause "deterioration in public order".

The temporary suspension of the internet services comes while Union Home Minister Amit Shah is on a visit to the area.

"The ADGP, Jammu Zone, Jammu being the Authorized Officer under the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, has issued directions to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)/Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to suspend mobile data (2G/3G/4G) services in District Jammu at Lat:32.816110, Long:74.818369 and within a radius of 1.5 KMs around the mentioned latitude/longitude and in District Rajouri at Lat:33.338402, Long 74.337315 and within a radius of 1.5 KMs around the mentioned latitude/longitude w.e.f 03.10.2022 (1700 HRS) to 04.10.20222 (1900 HRS)," read a government order issued by the Financial Commissioner Home (ACS) R K Goyal.

"The order/letter under reference , inter-alia, mentions about possibility of Mobile Data (2G/3G/4G) services to be misused by anti-national elements/miscreants, which may cause deterioration in public order," the government order said, adding, "Upon consideration of the various aspects, as brought out in the material provided by the Authorized Officer, I, Financial Commissioner (ACS) Home, being satisfied that there was absolute necessity for issuance of the aforesaid

directions by the Authorized Officer, without obtaining prior approval of the Competent Authority, in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State and for maintaining public order, hereby confirm order No. 874(TSTS) of 2022 dated 03.10.2022, under endorsement No. JZ/CS/Snap-down/2022/875-76 dated 03.10.2022 issued by the Authorized Officer, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-rule (1) of Rule 2 of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017."

## Pays Obeisance

Maha Navami festival and offered his prayers.

Accompanied by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister Jitendra Singh, the Home Minister arrived at Sanji Chhat by helicopter to pay his obeisance at the shrine on the concluding day of the nine-day Navratra celebrations, officials said.

Before visiting the shrine, Shah in a tweet greeted the people of the country on Maha Navami festival.

"Wishing everyone a very happy Mahanavami. May maa Bhagwati shower her grace and blessings on everyone. Jai Mata Di!," the home minister tweeted in Hindi.

The officials said stringent security arrangements have been made at the shrine in view of the home minister's visit.

He was received by senior officers of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) including its Chief Executive Officer Anshul Garg and prominent people and religious leaders, the officials said.

The home minister is scheduled to fly to the border district of Rajouri to address a public rally after leaving the shrine.

## Valley On Alert

addressed a public rally in Rajouri.

On the Shah's Kashmir itinerary is a public rally in Baramulla on Wednesday and a security review meeting, the officials said.

They said the focus of the meeting will be on tackling the attacks on the non-locals in the Kashmir valley.

The launch and foundation laying of various development projects in Srinagar is also on Shah's list, the officials said, adding he will then return to Delhi the same evening.

Security has been tightened in the valley for the Shah's visit. The officials said multi-tier security has been put in place and drones are being used for aerial surveillance as well.

The checking on Srinagar-Baramulla highway has been intensified, while additional police and paramilitary personnel have been deployed to keep a close watch on the situation, they said.

Patrolling has been intensified at many places, especially on the Srinagar-Baramulla-Kupwara highway, the officials added.

The rally venue has been turned into a fortress, they said.

The BJP has said Shah's Baramulla rally will be historic. "This will be the biggest rally in the history of north Kashmir," BJP's J-K unit president Ravinder Raina said.

## Train Service

to address a public rally.

According to a communiqué, the train service between Baramulla and Budgam section will remain suspended in connection with the VVIP visit to Baramulla.

The communiqué reads that the train service has been suspended in view of the present security scenario.

Home Minister Amit Shah, who is on a 3-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir, is scheduled to address a public rally in Baramulla district tomorrow.

## Domestic Help

police said in a statement, adding his interrogation was underway.

The DG (prisons) was found dead on Monday night at his friend's house on the outskirts of Jammu, with burn injuries on his body and his throat slit.

Police said initial investigations did not point towards a terror angle.

Though a terror group, People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF), claimed responsibility for the murder, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh, who visited the crime scene, told reporters "these terror groups shamelessly own everything and anything".

"There was no clue which suggested involvement of any terror group. For the time being, the terror angle is ruled out but if, during investigation, such a thing comes to light, we will see to it," he said.

Termining the murder an unfortunate incident, the police chief said the force has got relevant clues from the scene which indicate that the accused had a history of aggressive behaviour.

He said the suspect had bolted the room from inside when the DGP (prisons) was rubbing balm on his foot.

The domestic help repeatedly attacked him with a sharp object and even threw a burning pillow towards him in an apparent bid to set ablaze the body of the victim.

The 57-year-old Lohia, who was promoted and appointed as Director General of Prisons in the Union Territory in August, had shifted to his friend's house only a few days back.

Additional Director General of Police, Mukesh Singh said, "In a major manhunt launched by the Jammu and Kashmir police throughout the night, the accused involved in murder case of the DG prisons has been apprehended. Interrogation of the accused has started."

Earlier, the ADGP had said that preliminary examination of the crime scene indicated that Lohia must have been applying some oil on his foot which showed swelling.

The killer suffocated Lohia to death and also used a broken ketchup bottle to slit his throat and later tried to set the body afire, he said.

The guards present at the residence of the officer saw fire inside his room and broke open the door, the ADGP said.

The officials said raids were conducted by special teams at different places including the domestic help's home town in Halla-Dhandrath village in Ramban district where some persons including his fiancée were detained for questioning.

The ADGP said the CCTV footage collected from the incident site showed the accused running away after the commission of the crime.

"Lohar was working in this house for nearly six months Initial investigation revealed that he was quite aggressive in his behaviour and was also under depression, he said.

"A thorough probe is on to rule out any possibility (of terror angle). The weapon of offence has been seized besides some documentary evidence reflecting his (domestic help's) mental state," he said.

Officials said the body of the deceased officer was shifted to the Government Medical College (GMC) hospital Jammu for a postmortem and it will be cremated with full honours here on Wednesday.

Sharing some pages from the diary of the accused, a police official said

Lohar, a school dropout, was apparently fed up with his life.

The domestic help wrote in his diary that he was 99 percent sad but wearing a 100 percent 'fake smile'.

"I am 100 percent happy, having zero percent love in life and 90 percent tension in life. I hate my life which only gives pain and waiting for death to restart my life," he wrote in the diary.

The official said the accused admitted to his involvement in the murder and his interrogation is on to unravel the motive behind this heinous crime.

"The police is looking from all angles. The accused had left his house two years back and was working as a cook at this house for the last six months," he said.

Condemning the murder of the officer, J&K Congress chief Wikar Rasool Wani said the insecurity has increased manifold in Jammu and Kashmir which can be gauged by the spurt in targeted killings by terrorists in the valley.

"Shah (Home Minister) on the floor of the house (parliament) on August 5, 2019 talked about a new beginning and rooting out of terrorism and separatism. A DG-level officer is murdered, a terrorist group is claiming responsibility...if a DG-level officer is not safe, how are the ordinary citizens safe in J&K," Wani told reporters here.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) termed Lohia's killing unfortunate and asked the Jammu and Kashmir police and government to ensure an indepth probe is conducted professionally and all links associated with the murder are unearthed.

"The incident shows deteriorating law and order situation in Jammu and Kashmir where even senior police officers are unsafe, what to talk of common masses," the party said in a statement.

"So sad to hear about the tragic murder of Hemant Lohia. He was a fine gentleman and a professional police officer. My heartfelt condolences to his family and colleagues. May his soul rest in peace. #HemantLohia," National Conference leader Nasir Aslam Wani (Sogami) wrote on Twitter.

Senior vice president of Apni Party and former minister Ghulam Hassan Mir described Lohia as a charming personality.

"I recall his meeting on Republic Day at Srinagar. What a charming personality. Miss him very much. RIP, Mir said in a tweet.

"Deeply saddened by the tragic demise of Shri Hemant Lohia IPS, Director General (Prisons) @JmuKmrPolice. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and colleagues, Srinagar Mayor and Apni Party spokesperson Junaid Azim Mattu tweeted.

## LG Expresses Grief

residence on the outskirts of Jammu on Monday night. His domestic help has emerged as the main suspect in the case.

"Shri Hemant Lohia was an outstanding Police officer and a great human being. He served the country with great honour & dedication. Shocked and deeply grieved at his sad demise. My condolences to the bereaved family and friends," the Lt Governor said in a tweet.

## FIR Ordered Against

that SDM physically assaulted him and passed casteist slurs and abuses against him besides using derogatory words against SC/ST community to which he belongs.

Pertinently, Magray in his application had alleged that he had registered a complaint against SDM Gurez

and Bandipora administration with Lieutenant Governor's Grievance Cell after he was assigned the 'undignified' duty of overseeing the main gate during the Gurez Festival held last month with much fanfare.

In view of the complaint, the accused SDM was instructed by ADC Bandipora to redress the grievance of the lecturer. As per Magray's application, when the lecturer was directed by the Head of the Institution to reach the SDM office in connection with the said grievance, the SDM ordered his peon to "close the office door from outside and not to let anyone in, without his permission" as soon as he reached the SDM's office.

"That accused person misused his official position as Public Servant and resorted to illegal, unreasonable, unfair and unjust acts aimed against the applicant because the applicant filed his grievances before the Governor's Grievance Cell..." Magray had alleged in his complaint. Magray had also alleged that he was then beaten, abused and threatened with dire consequences.

The applicant further alleged that he being a law-abiding citizen had approached SHO Police Station Gurez requesting him to register the FIR but the Police refused to do so despite recording his statement and verifying medical records in Sub-District Hospital Gurez where Magray had gone for treatment after alleged assault.

Magray approached the Court of Judicial Magistrate Gurez after his attempts to persuade the police to register an FIR failed.

According to his application, he besides having approached SHO Gurez, had also written to SP Bandipora and SDPO Bandipora requesting them to direct the registration of FIR and also informing them about the rights of the applicant under the SC/ST Act and also the ill-treatment he was subjected to being the member of the socially backward community but to no avail.

The Court presided over by Towfeel Ahmad Mir noted that "After hearing the applicant and after perusal of the application along with annexed record prima facie it seems that cognizable offences have been committed by the accused. The act of the accused makes out the essentials of cognizable offences, which warrants registration of FIR".

While invoking an example from another case, the court said that In Lalita Kumari vs Govt. of UP & Ors, it was held by Supreme Court that registration of FIR is mandatory under Section 154 of the Code, if the information discloses commission of a cognizable offence and no preliminary inquiry is permissible in such a situation.

"Thus, I am of the considered view that the acts as alleged to have been committed by the accused does not fall with the protection of sec 197 CrPC as they are far away from the acts committed by him while acting or discharging his official duties. As such there is no need of any prior sanction before registration of FIR against the accused," reads the court order, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer.

The court also said that such sanction is necessary if the offence alleged against the public servant is committed by him 'while acting or purporting to act in the discharge of his official duty' the yardstick to be followed is to form a prima facie view whether the act of omission/commission for which the accused is charged had a reasonable connection with the discharge of his duties. The court also observed that prima facie there seems that cognizable offences have been committed against the applicant but concerned SHO has failed to register the FIR.





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